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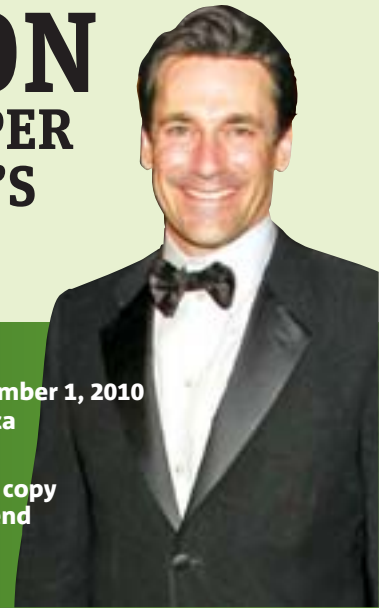

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Tweets: Spreading like bugs

Twitter comments from one local filmgoer set off an online panic ◗ Many believed Scotiabank Theatre had bed bugs ◗ But Cineplex says TIFF venue is good to go

It began with a movie screening in downtown Toronto and quickly spread across North America and around the world — or, at least, the World Wide Web.

No, this is not a story about bed bugs infesting Scotiabank Theatre. That never happened, according to Cineplex Entertainment, which owns the theatre and had it inspected Monday night.

Rather, it's a story about a rumour, spawned from an online suggestion of a nasty bed bug infestation.

It proliferated into numerous reports on blogs and newspaper sites and through the mystical machinations of Web 2.0, the mere idea of creepy crawlies has threatened to hijack the Toronto International Film Festival and one of its most important venues.

"This whole story shows how things can move faster than the speed of light on social media."
BOB REID, MEDIA STRATEGIST

"It begins as something on Twitter and the next thing you know, you're talking to someone from the Toronto Star," mused Bob Reid, a crisis communications expert and media strategist with Veritas Communications.

On Aug. 24, local music writer Helen Spitzer saw a film at the Scotiabank Theatre. Later that night, she awoke with itchy spots on her back, bottom and thighs.

A friend of Spitzer's posted a Twitter message saying "Torontonian Friend got, yes, bedbugs at the Scotiabank" and news of the supposed infestation quickly spread to various outlets in Canada and the United States.

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The stars come out for Tarantino

Actress Jessica Alba attends the Uomo Vogue Hosts Dinner For Quentin Tarantino during the 67th Venice International Film Festival yesterday in Venice, Italy. For more celebrity news, check out Metro Dish on pages 30-31.

Sports

Sailing into the second half

Argonauts readying for Labour Day showdown {page 44}

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▶ People head over to Toronto Island to escape from the heat of the city.

City sweltering in second heat wave?

Heat, humidity expected to continue to soar Weekend should be cooler, experts predict

Toronto can expect more hot and humid weather today as temperatures continue to be in the low 30s, feeling closer to 40 C with the humidex.

Environment Canada forecasts similar weather conditions as yesterday with the likelihood of smog and humidex advisories. They are predicting a UV index of 8.

This streak of hot weather is expected to continue until tomorrow, significantly higher than the average maximum of 23 C at this time of the year. At 2 p.m. yesterday, Pearson hit a high of 32.6 C, just shy of the record of 33.3 C in 1973.

During yesterday's advisory, Environment Canada advised anyone with heart and lung conditions to reduce or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities.

The cooler weather is expected to roll in on Saturday with a high of 17 C, said Environment Canada officials.

This could be the last heat wave for the summer as officials are saying September temperatures will only reach the high teens and low 20s.

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It's hot

- **Humidex values** Heat and humidity — which combined give the humidex values — have been around 40 C for the past two days, while heat and smog alerts remain in effect in many areas of Ontario.
- **Heat wave** Experts say the city could be in the middle of its second heat wave of the summer if temperatures reach 32 C today.
- **Three days** A heat wave is defined as three or more consecutive days over 32 C, which happened back in early July.
- **Heat alert** Toronto is under an extreme heat alert, and the city has opened special cooling centres where people can find relief.

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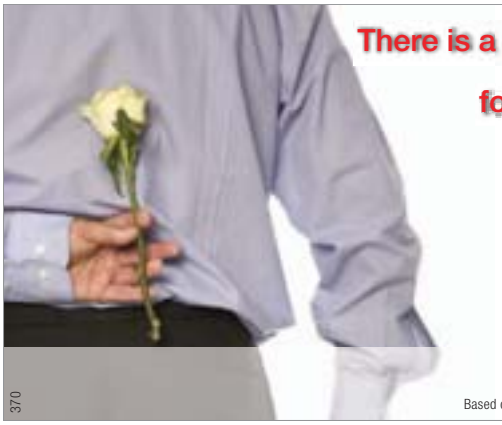

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‘Hopefully we will find her safe and sound’

More than four dozen police officers taking part in massive search for missing Orangeville woman

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Sonia Varaschin

Police investigators are holding out hope that a 42-year-old Orangeville woman is still alive, even though blood has been found splattered in her car and home.

“Hopefully we will find her safe and sound,” OPP Const. Jonathan Beckett said yesterday.

Sonia Varaschin, 42, a former nurse at the hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, was last seen on Sunday evening. Her family members reported her missing to local police.

Police tracking dogs are taking part in a grid search that includes a rough swampy area outside town and an OPP helicopter is hovering over the quiet downtown parkette where police found Varaschin’s white four-door Toyota Corolla around 10 a.m., parked in an alley near Broadway, with its trunk and front doors wide open.

Officials later announced a second crime scene.

Investigators are questioning neighbours and combing Varaschin’s Spring Street apartment, where more blood was discovered, says Orangeville police Chief Joseph Tomei.

The apartment complex is about a five-minute walk from Alexandra Park, where Varaschin’s Toyota was found.

“We’re hopeful the search comes to a good fruition for us, but it is suspicious,” Tomei told the Orangeville Banner, adding that the incident appears random, but it’s “too early” to say with certainty.

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Gemini Awards. Nominations

▶ Barenaked Ladies singer Ed Robertson, left, and Canada’s Next Top Model host Jay Manuel are all smiles at the Gemini Awards nomination press conference at the Sutton Place Hotel yesterday. More coverage, page 25.

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Date with the red carpet

Robertson earned a nod for his series Ed’s Up, and Manuel is nominated for hosting his show. The ceremony will be held in Toronto on Nov. 13.

Another Metro first

Metro is the first Canadian newspaper to integrate “Add to Foursquare” buttons into its website.

The buttons on journalmetro.com and metronews.ca are running adjacent to venue-targeted editorials like restaurant reviews, allowing the user to add a visit to the location as a “to do” in their Foursquare account, with a link back to the full article or review on the Metro site.

Metro Canada was the first newspaper brand in the world to partner with Foursquare, and garnered international media coverage in January when it began offering location-based restaurant tips and launched a custom Metro badge tied in to morning check-ins near Metro pick-up locations. METRO

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News in brief

Theft suspect turns self in

BEATING. A 24-year-old Toronto man wanted in the beating and robbing of an elderly man has turned himself in to police.

The senior was assaulted at a laundromat in the Mount Pleasant and Eglinton Avenue East area back in June. Const. Wendy Drummond says a 79-year-old man was approached and struck in the back of the head with a blunt object.

Thushjanthan Vigneswaran is charged with assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm and robbery. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Investments under fire

PENSIONS. The Council of Canadians is going head-to-head with the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan — a Goliath in the world of pensions — over investments in privatized water in Chile.

As close to 20,000 Toronto teachers gather for a professional development day tomorrow, the access-to-water activists will be on hand trying to get teachers to sign a petition against the very fund mandated to guarantee the golden years of their retirement.

So far the campaign has been a hard sell with the Ontario Teachers' Federation, which has refused to commit to pressuring the pension plan to divest from the investment. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

$33M for health consultants

Ontario's local health integration networks spent $33 million on consulting services since their inception four years ago, newly released figures show. Scan code for story.

'CONSENSUS

Rossi nabs another councillor endorsement from Ward 10's Mike Feldman ◗ John Parker (Ward 26) has already given the ex-Liberal party director his support

Mayoral candidate Rocco Rossi has picked up a second councillor endorsement, with Mike Feldman saying yesterday that Rossi is the "consensus builder" Toronto council needs.

Feldman, a member of council's right-leaning Responsible Government Group, who is retiring this fall, likened Rossi to former mayor Mel Lastman, who "was able to bring together the left, the centre and the right and have a big mushy middle.

"I think Rocco would have the same ability to get consensus when you have philosophical differences," Feldman said.

Feldman (Ward 10, York Centre) said he likes Rossi rival Rob Ford, but is afraid the Etobicoke councillor wouldn't get enough support on many issues to get a majority of votes from the 44 councillors.

That would leave his opponents to "elect their own mayor, a sort of leader of the opposition."

Feldman says he met with rival George Smitherman, but doesn't see him as a consensus-builder either.

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone offers the "same old, same old," he added, while staff for the other main candidate, Women's Post publisher Sarah Thomson, did not reply to Feldman's request for a meeting. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Endorsements

- Joe Pantalone's campaign office says he has received the endorsement of **Gord Perks (Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park)** and **Janet Davis (Ward 31, Beaches-East York).**
- Several other members of Mayor David Miller's left-leaning faction of council, plus a couple of centrists, attended Pantalone's campaign launch event in May.
- **Coun. Frances Nunziata (Ward 11, York-South Weston)** is supporting Rob Ford's mayoral bid.
- **Coun. Pam McConnell (Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale)** has endorsed George Smitherman.

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▶ Mayoral candidate Rocco Rossi, in white T-shirt, heads to the Ex with some kids from Catholic Settlement House Daycare on Monday.

Hamilton reverses on stadium site

Despite voting earlier this month to build a new Pan Am stadium in the West Harbour, Hamilton council reversed course yesterday and passed a motion calling for the city to look into building at the Longwood and Aberdeen location.

The vote officially clears an impasse between the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the city over the proposed site for the 2015 Pan Am stadium, which would be turned over to the football team after the Games end.

Staff at Hamilton city hall will sit down with the team for an evaluation of the west end site, which is owned by McMaster University, Hamilton councillor Bob Bratina said in a telephone interview. He said the site was supposed to house firms involved in innovation, but that hasn't really happened.

"Innovation Park hasn't been fulfilling its mandate … so they're probably just as happy to look at alternatives to the (prescribed) land use," Bratina added.

City staff was told by council to come back with a report on the site, or any other viable properties, by Sept. 15.

On Monday, team owner Bob Young said the site presents "essential" requirements, such as its proximity to Highway 403.

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Council's change in direction came after Pan Am reps met last week with city officials to tell them that without a legacy tenant taking over the city's West Harbour site, Pan Am organizers would only fund a stadium of about 5,000 seats.

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Big-city phone customers to receive refund

Decision comes a day after CRTC ruled large telecoms must let small web providers access their high speeds

City dwellers will get cash back from their phone companies and tens of thousands of rural residents will finally get to kiss dial-up Internet goodbye, following a decision yesterday by the federal communications regulator.

The windfall comes from a $770-million fund collected from the so-called Bell companies by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). The companies involved in the rebate and the improvements to rural broadband include Bell Canada and Bell Aliant, Telus and MTS Allstream.

In 2002, the CRTC stopped the phone companies from lowering their rates in urban areas in order to protect new competition in the home-phone market. The commission diverted that money to a so-called deferral account.

By 2006, competition in local phone service was established and there was no more need to keep an artificial floor on the rates. The commission then had to figure out how to distribute the money.

The issue went to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2008, with a consumer group arguing the entire amount should go back to consumers in a rebate. The phone companies wanted to spend the fund on service improvements in the rural areas. The court sided with the commission's formula for allocating the cash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$90 Urban Canadians in B.C., Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and Alberta will get between $20 and $90 back from the large telecoms in the next six months.

287 Subscribers in 287 rural and remote communities will get access to high-speed Internet by 2014.

Police. Chief

▶ New OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis during the Change of Command ceremony in Toronto yesterday.

DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lewis takes over helm of OPP

There's a new commissioner in charge of Ontario's police force. Chris Lewis is taking over from Julian Fantino, who retired in late July after four years at the helm. Lewis began his new duties on Aug. 1, but yesterday marked the official ceremony.

New insurance rules in effect

The provincial government and the auto insurance industry say reforms slated to take effect today will eventually lower the cost of premiums.

However, the standard premiums won't change, but medical and rehabilitation benefits for injuries that are not catastrophic will be cut in half on as of Sept. 1. So drivers who want to maintain their current level of coverage will have to pay more when their policy comes up for renewal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Man shot dead by cops needed help: Family

- Special Investigations Unit is investigating the case
- Police won't comment while the SIU is investigating

The family of the 25-year-old Pickering man shot dead by police Sunday say they called police because they wanted help for their loved one, who suffered from mental illness.

In a statement released yesterday, the family of Reyal Jensen Jardine-Douglas said they called police and told them Jardine-Douglas had boarded a TTC bus heading southbound on Victoria Park, and that he suffered from mental illness.

The statement, released by the family's lawyer, Glenn Stuart, said the family called 911 for help "in getting Reyal to a hospital to address mental health problems he was experiencing, including paranoia ... The dispatcher was told on more than one occasion of Reyal's mental health condition."

The family said Jardine-Douglas was not exhibiting any violent behaviour when they called police.

On Sunday afternoon, Jardine-Douglas was shot by a Toronto police officer after he fled from the Victoria Park No. 24 bus when it was pulled over by police near Eglinton Avenue East.

Witnesses said police cruisers boxed in the bus and a man bolted through the rear as officers boarded through the front door. According to a witness, three shots were fired in a confrontation. Jardine-Douglas was pronounced dead at Sunnybrook about an hour later. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Condition

Glenn Stuart, the family's lawyer, said Jardine-Douglas suffered from paranoia among other mental-health issues, but wouldn't go into further detail, citing the family's request for privacy.

The statement released yesterday says the family had sought treatment for Jardine-Douglas in the days prior to his death.

Magna stock saga comes to conclusion

Magna International closed a controversial stock buyout deal yesterday, putting an end to nearly four months of shareholder wrangling.

Shares in the auto parts giant added $3.43 or 4.3 per cent to $83.04 after an Ontario court upheld approval of the plan, which will see company founder Frank Stronach receive more than $1 billion to give up his voting control of the company.

Opposed shareholders, including the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, said they won't appeal the ruling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$300M

Stronach will receive $300 million US in cash and nine million class A shares, among other benefits.

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▶ Omar Khadr, seen in a courtroom sketch from Aug. 12.

OMAR KHADR'S TRIAL TO RESUME OCT. 18

The war crimes trial of Toronto-born Omar Khadr is slated to resume in Guantanamo Bay in mid-October.

Col. Patrick Parrish, the army judge presiding over the case, yesterday set Oct. 18 for the day-old trial to resume. The hearings ended on a dramatic note on Aug. 12, when Khadr's sole defence lawyer, Lt. Col. Jon Jackson, collapsed in the courtroom and was rushed to hospital. The next day, Parrish declared a hiatus in proceedings to allow Jackson to recover.

Khadr, 23, is charged with killing American special forces soldier Sgt. Chris Speer in Afghanistan in July 2002. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Omar's brother

The Canadian government is set to appeal a decision that halted extradition proceedings against Abdullah Khadr. Khadr's lawyer says he does not expect his client will be rearrested pending the outcome of the appeal. The elder Khadr is wanted by the U.S. on terrorism-related charges. He was released on Aug. 4 after more than four years in jail in Toronto.

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News in brief

Probation for burying baby

NORFOLK. Two southern Ontario teens will spend 15 months on probation for concealing the body of a baby. A boy and girl pleaded guilty to the charges after the girl gave birth to a stillborn last September at her Norfolk home. Because neither had told their parents of the pregnancy, they decided to bury the body in a wooded area near the girl's home. Police were tipped off by a member of the public who'd overheard talk of the situation.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

$4M Montreal heroin find

DRUGS. Authorities say nearly $4 million worth of heroin was seized at Montreal's Trudeau International Airport a month ago. The Canada Border Services Agency said in a release yesterday the seizure took place on July 30. Agents found the drugs concealed in a shipment of rugs from Pakistan. A spokesman says no arrests have been made in the case.
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Charges in B.C. kidnapping

AMBER ALERT. Charges have been laid against a 34-year-old man in an alleged parental abduction that triggered an amber alert in B.C.'s Fraser Valley on Sunday. Kenneth Daniel Morey was arrested about six hours after his 12-year-old son was abducted from the home of the boy's grandparents.
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Complaint goes to board

NOVA SCOTIA. A board of inquiry will hear arguments to determine if it has the jurisdiction to deal with a human rights complaint over funding for French language schools.
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Fourth man remains in jail

- Ottawa man arrested on unrelated charges during RCMP terror sweep
- Bail hearing pushed to Friday, when family will be called as witnesses

The case of a 20-year-old Ottawa man, arrested during an RCMP anti-terrorism sweep on unrelated assault charges, has been adjourned to the end of the week.

A bail hearing for the call centre employee was pushed to Friday, when more details may come to light on the murky tale that involves the arrest of three other men on terrorism-related charges.

The contents of police wiretaps are part of the assault evidence against the Canadian citizen, who is of Kurdish descent.

Neither side is expected to ask for a publication ban on the evidence, so whatever is on the tapes can be made public.

The man's lawyer said outside court that he asked the hearing to be pushed back because he'd just received 19 different documents worth of evidence yesterday morning, including the tapes themselves.

"Part of the process is you're trying to maximize the odds of success and part of that from my perspective is making sure I know the case the Crown is going to bring against my client, so I can answer it properly and completely," said Richard Morris.

The man didn't speak in court yesterday, save for telling the justice his name.

"He was looking forward to the bail hearing. Just because of the inherent slowness of the process, he's frustrated in that goal."
RICHARD MORRIS, LAWYER FOR MAN ARRESTED ON UNRELATED ASSAULT CHARGES DURING THE RCMP ANTI-TERRORISM SWEEP

Wearing a white button shirt that billowed on his slight frame, he stood with his arms crossed through the proceedings, watching but not seeming to respond to his friends and family in the courtroom.

The man had been ill following his arrest on Friday but Morris said he'd since seen a doctor.

Included in the group of people at the courthouse were several young Muslim women who traded stories about how hard it is to be a young female Muslim, while the men clustered around a copy of a local newspaper featuring the man's story.
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▶ A cameraman films a police vehicle leaving an Ottawa courthouse yesterday, after the bail hearing for the fourth man arrested by the RCMP in a terror sweep was pushed to Friday.

Lawyer unsure if client knew others

The lawyer for the 20-year-old Ottawa man arrested during an RCMP anti-terrorism sweep on unrelated assault charges said he didn't know whether his client knew any of the men.

Three other men are in custody after a year-long investigation by the RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and other agencies.

Hiva Mohammad Alizadeh, 30, and Misbahuddin Ahmed, 26, both of Ottawa and Khurram Syed Sher, 28, of London, are charged under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Lawyer Richard Morris said he had no indication that terrorism charges against his client were coming. But the strangeness of his client's case so far means anything is possible, Morris suggested.

The man was arrested Saturday, released on bail and then promptly rearrested again.

"It's getting to the point where little surprises me," he said.

Wiretaps expected to be introduced in court on Friday may also help connect the dots between the man and the other men involved in the alleged terror plot.

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Alleged plot

- The three men were arrested after an investigation that included police swapping out more than 50 electronic circuit boards, supposedly designed to be remote detonators for explosive devices, with dummy models.
- Police also seized videos, terrorist literature and bomb-related documents.
- Police claim the terrorism plot stretches from Ottawa to Afghanistan, Dubai, Iran and Pakistan. But there has been no official word on the alleged targets.

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Israelis killed in shooting

Palestinian gunmen opened fire yesterday on an Israeli car in the West Bank and killed four passengers on the eve of a new round of Mideast peace talks in Washington. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility.

The assailants attacked the car as it travelled near Hebron — a volatile city that has been a flash point of violence.

One of the victims was pregnant, said police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld. Israel's national rescue service said the victims were two men and two women, and Israeli media said everyone in the car was killed.

Video broadcast live on Israel TV late yesterday showed a white Subaru station wagon standing at an angle at the side of a road, its windows shot out and its doors dotted with bullet holes. The car was flanked by army and police vehicles and dozens of soldiers. The military said the gunfire came from a passing car.

The attackers fled and Israeli forces set up roadblocks and carried out searches.

A rally in Gaza to celebrate the attack drew about 3,000 people. At the gathering, Hamas military wing spokesman Abu Obeida told The Associated Press: "The Qassam Brigades announces its full responsibility for the heroic operation."

Hamas is considered a terrorist group by the U.S., Israel and European Union. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

500

Some 500 ultranationalist Jewish settlers live in heavily fortified enclaves in Hebron amid more than 100,000 Palestinians.

▶ Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, right, meets with Egypt's Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit, far left, at the Department of State in Washington yesterday.

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U.S. launching Mideast talks

One major challenge will be the Palestinians' demand that Israel extend a freeze on settlement construction in the West Bank that expires Sept. 26

After months of shuttle diplomacy, the Obama administration is set to plunge into a new round of Mideast peacemaking, bringing Israeli and Palestinian leaders together for face-to-face talks for the first time in nearly two years.

With expectations low and U.S. officials allowing that success in tomorrow's negotiations may be defined simply as an agreement to meet again, President Barack Obama is preparing to host Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas today.

The goal is to formalize a peace agreement in a year's time that will lead to the creation of a Palestinian state. But with the two sides far apart on all the key issues, the going is expected to be slow and fraught with difficulties.

A U.S. official cautioned about violence that could undercut the talks.

"We are cognizant that there could be external events that can have an impact on the environment," said State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley. "We also are cognizant that there may well be actors in the region who are deliberately making these kinds of attacks in order to try to sabotage the process."

Ahead of tomorrow's sessions, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and the administration's Mideast peace envoy George Mitchell were meeting yesterday with Abbas and Netanyahu, as well as the foreign ministers of Egypt and Jordan and former British prime minister Tony Blair, the representative of the "Quartet" of Mideast peacemakers.

Crowley said Clinton's talks were intended to clarify where the parties stand as they head into the talks.

"We want to see ... an understanding that, going forward, the leaders will meet on a regular basis," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Netanyahu

Before leaving for Washington, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Likud Party that he would seek "real arrangements on the ground" that ensure the security of Israelis.

Various issues challenge peace discussions

Beyond the West Bank settlements, Israel and the Palestinians face numerous hurdles on resolving issues of contention, notably the borders of a future Palestinian state, the political status of Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees.

At the same time, internal Palestinian divisions that have led to a split between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and his West Bank-based administration and the militant Hamas group in control of Gaza will complicate the talks. Hamas is not part of the negotiations and has said the talks will be futile.

American officials are hopeful they can at least get the two sides to agree to a second round, likely to be held in the second week of September in Egypt.

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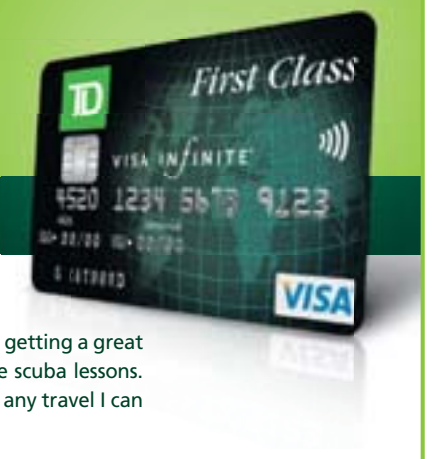

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AIR INDIA PERJURY TRIAL

Would-be jurors wait for word

More than 150 people waited yesterday to see if they would be chosen as jurors to determine if a man lied during the trial of two men who were later acquitted in the Air India bombing.

Inderjit Singh Reyat was charged with perjury in 2006, three years after he testified at the trial. The Crown alleges he lied 27 times during his testimony.

The indictment was read yesterday morning to the jury pool.

Most of the allegations in the indictment, which haven't been proven in court, relate to Reyat's insistence that he did not know or remember key details of the bombing plot.

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RCMP looks for oilfield gear thief

RCMP are looking for whoever was responsible for the theft of heavy equipment from a Saskatchewan oilfield. Mounties say a well head and another piece of equipment were taken.

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Enrolment down in B.C. schools

B.C. Education Minister Margaret MacDiarmid says school enrolment continues to decline in the province, with 544,000 students — 6,000 fewer than last year — expected in grades 1 through 12.

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Shale gas comes at a cost, briefing warns

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▶ Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis has received notes detailing the risks of shale-gas extraction.

Quebec government to hold public hearings on shale gas in the fall

The Conservative government has been warned that digging for shale gas could boost carbon-dioxide emissions, encroach on wildlife habitat and sap freshwater resources.

The risks are included in briefing notes prepared last spring for Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis, and obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The documents focus on the potential of shale-gas development in Quebec, but also highlight the promise of tapping large reserves across Canada.

The notes warn that the process of releasing natural gas from shale could draw heavily on freshwater resources and significantly increase Canada's overall carbon-dioxide emissions.

But the documents say there is no direct link between shale-gas development and water pollution, something feared by environmentalists.

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Shale-gas debate

- The natural-gas industry sees lucrative opportunities buried beneath the shale of Quebec's St. Lawrence River lowlands.
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North due for upgrade: Report

- Military spending could jump-start infrastructure investments
- Plan would provide jobs, housing

Billions of dollars in new military spending should be used for a major upgrade of Canada's northern infrastructure, says a group representing Canada's cities and towns.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities released a report yesterday calling on the federal government to add more meat to the bones of a northern strategy announced several years ago.

In its report, the federation urges Ottawa to use some of the money for military projects as a jumping-off point to refurbish the North's crumbling infrastructure.

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Looking ahead

The Conservative's plan would send more troops to the North to assert Canada's sovereignty.

- **Infrastructure** The military needs reliable roads and sturdy buildings that won't fall down if the frozen ground melts.
- **Timetables** The federation says what's missing from the strategy are details and timetables for completing projects.
- **Climate change** A big-picture plan for the North could put Canada ahead of the pack in finding ways to adapt to climate change.

Takeover bid. Gone to court

▶ Alain Bouchard, chief executive of Alimentation Couche-Tard, at the company's annual meeting in Laval, Quebec.

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Playing hard to get

Alimentation Couche-Tard conceded yesterday that its attempt to acquire U.S.-based rival Casey's General Stores has been unexpectedly challenging.

LeClerc quits after being cleared

A Saskatchewan politician who faced allegations of illegal drug use, but was cleared of any wrongdoing by police, has resigned.

Serge LeClerc has resigned effective immediately because of medical reasons, saying his deteriorating health has reduced his ability to serve constituents. LeClerc's lawyer, Rick Danyliuk, says the stress has worsened LeClerc's diabetes and hypertension.

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Sordid past

LeClerc, who represents Saskatoon Northwest, is a former drug dealer and addict.

- **From jail** He spent 21 years behind bars, but was later pardoned after turning his life around.
- **To politics** He was a member of the Saskatchewan Party, but removed himself when the drug allegations surfaced.

N.L. bumps up fines for speeding

The Newfoundland and Labrador government is doubling fines for speeding in school zones beginning today.

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama speaks to members of the military at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas yesterday.

Obama: Time to turn the page

But U.S. keeping up to 50,000 troops in Iraq for support and counterterrorism training

U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday ended the U.S. combat mission in Iraq, declaring no victory after seven years of bloodshed, and telling those divided over the war: "It is time to turn the page."

From the White House's Oval Office, where president George W. Bush first announced the invasion that would come to define his time in office, Obama said bluntly: "Our most urgent task is to restore our economy." It was a telling of the domestic troubles weighing on Obama's nation and his own presidency that he would put such emphasis in a war address to the dire state of U.S. joblessness.

Even as he tries to cap one of the most divisive chapters in recent American history, Obama is escalating the conflict in Afghanistan. He pledged anew that the United States would keep up the fight in that war, the longest one since Vietnam.

And in Iraq, for all the finality, the war is not over. More Americans will likely die.

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Vader now a suspect in case of missing pair

Formerly a 'person of interest' Vader's sister said he visited her in early July, was tired from hiding from cops

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The man once questioned in the high-profile case of two missing Alberta seniors is now being called a suspect.

Mounties say Travis Vader, 38, has gone from being a person of interest in the disappearance of Lyle and Marie McCann to someone they believe participated in a crime.

"The positive progress in the investigation now validates Mr. Vader as a suspect," RCMP Sgt. Tim Taniguchi said yesterday in an interview.

"I can't get into the specifics of the information received," he added. "Revealing the specifics of that information would be inappropriate and could put the investigation at risk.

"We still want the public's assistance to provide any information they have."

Taniguchi noted that 18 officers are still working on the disappearance.

Vader is in the Edmonton Remand Centre on unrelated charges.

The McCann family and other donors have put up thousands of dollars in reward money for tips that help solve the case,

The McCanns, both in their 70s, were last seen July 3 fuelling up their motor home at a gas station in their hometown of St. Albert, just north of Edmonton. They were on their way to visit family in British Columbia's Fraser Valley, but never arrived.

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▶ Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff walks along the shores of Bras d'Or Lake yesterday in Baddeck, Nova Scotia while attending the annual Liberal caucus summer retreat.

Grits rally gun registry support

If registry is killed, critic says it will be NDP's fault and could cost the party votes in major urban centres

Federal Liberals are hoping to turn debate over the fate of the controversial long-gun registry to their advantage. They're launching a cross-country campaign to save the registry.

And in the process, they're hoping to galvanize it as a defining issue that will establish the Liberal party as the only real alternative to Stephen Harper's minority Conservative government.

They're hoping to woo urban supporters of the NDP, which is badly divided over the registry issue.

A dozen New Democrat MPs supported a private member's bill last fall to scrap the registry and NDP Leader Jack Layton is refusing to force them to vote against the bill when it comes up for the next vote on Sept. 22.

If the registry is killed, Liberal public safety critic Mark Holland says it will be the NDP's fault.

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Researchers dismiss new MS treatment

A group of leading researchers isn't sold on a controversial and unproven treatment for multiple sclerosis.

Top Canadian and American scientists say there's not enough evidence to back claims by Italian doctor Paolo Zamboni that blocked neck veins are linked with MS.

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research held a news conference yesterday to make recommendations on MS research priorities.

The head of the federal agency that funds health research says the experts weren't convinced Zamboni's procedure works and is safe, and so they say it's too early to back clinical trials.

"There was a unanimous recommendation by the members of the working group not to support such a trial at this stage," Alain Beaudet said. "The experts agreed that there is an overwhelming lack of scientific evidence on the safety and efficacy of the procedure."

It's not clear if MS causes blocked veins, if blocked veins cause MS, or if the two are entirely unrelated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Paolo Zamboni

Controversy

Multiple sclerosis has long been thought to be an autoimmune disease.

- **Diagnosis** Paolo Zamboni contends that iron builds up in the brain because blood isn't draining properly.
- **Treatment** He treats patients by opening up the veins, either by inserting a small balloon or a stent.
- **Research** His research found vein blockages in all the MS patients he examined, and no blockages in healthy people.
- **Debate** But work elsewhere doesn't support his findings.
- **Hope** But it's enough to persuade Canadian MS patients to travel to clinics in Europe and pay for the procedure.

Chevron completes deep well

Chevron says it has finished drilling Canada's deepest ever exploration well off Newfoundland without any safety incidents.

The well made national headlines as drilling began in May in 2,600 metres of water. Provincial politicians were on the defensive as the project went ahead despite an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Chevron spokesman Leif Sollid says drilling wrapped up last week but results won't be made public for up to two years.

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Mayor loses long battle with cancer

The mayor of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has died after a long battle with cancer.

A statement on the city's website says John Rowswell died this morning.

He was 55, according to the city clerk's office.

A dinner to honour his 10 years as mayor has been planned for today.

The event to raise money for scholarship funds for Algoma University and Sault College will proceed as planned.

Funeral arrangements have not been finalized.

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Teenager dies after car stunt

A Quebec teenager has died of his injuries after falling during a car-surfing stunt. The 16-year-old was riding on the trunk of car in a high school parking lot on Aug. 20 when he took a tumble. He died this past Saturday.

No charges have been laid against the 17-year-old driver.

Two people were killed in separate car-surfing incidents in the province last year, while a Quebec City woman was seriously injured on Aug. 10 after falling off the roof of a truck. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bear takes bait but doesn't get caught

It turns out this bear is smarter than the average trap.

A bear was seen this morning camped out near the Welcome to Dryden sign, on the east end of the northern Ontario town.

The Ministry of Natural Resources responded and set up a trap.

The curious bear stared at the trap for about 45 minutes, apparently plotting what would prove to be a winning strategy.

Finally, the bear got up, circled the trap, ran in and then got out after grabbing the food inside being used as bait.

The proud bruin then walked into the bush with the food in its mouth.

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A laptop on every lap: N.B. premier

▶ New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham, seen with his wife Roxanne Reeves boarding the campaign bus, has promised laptops to 61,000 students if he's re-elected.

Conservative candidate criticizes promise, citing potential costs

New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham is promising to give the province's 61,000 middle and high school students their own laptops if his government is re-elected — an initiative that would be the first program of its kind in Canada.

The Liberal leader declined to provide a cost estimate behind the campaign promise, saying that would be released when the party unveils its entire platform at some later time. But he said the plan is affordable.

"The price of new technology has decreased dramatically. It becomes more affordable then for our students to access," he said yesterday.

Penny Milton, the chief executive of the Canadian Education Association, praised Graham's proposal, saying it could lead students to spend more hours learning, particularly if they are allowed to bring the laptops home.

"It's really clear that to have a laptop to do your school work motivates your students. They tend to do more work than when home life and school life are separated."

PENNY MILTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CANADIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Milton said there is a similar program underway at schools in the Eastern Townships School Board in Quebec, and at other school boards in Alberta and British Columbia. But she said New Brunswick would be the first province to offer a permanent, provincewide laptop program in Canadian schools.

Graham said the recent completion of high-speed Internet access across New Brunswick now makes it possible to offer laptops provincewide.

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Bell to build rural network

Telecom companies Bell and Bell Aliant have been selected to build a high-speed Internet network to serve an estimated 95 per cent of residents and businesses in eastern Ontario.

Construction of the $170-million project will take place over the next two years, the federal and Ontario governments announced yesterday.

The service area for the network project includes the counties of Hastings, Peterborough, Renfrew, Northumberland, Haliburton, Frontenac, Lanark, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, the United Counties of Prescott & Russell and the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville as well as the city of Kawartha Lakes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1M The project is being billed as Ontario's largest rural broadband network and will serve an estimated one million residents and businesses.

Dozens of charges laid in drug bust

An undercover drug operation by Cape Breton Regional police has resulted in over 100 trafficking charges against 43 people.

Police say they targeted the street sale of drugs in the Sydney area.

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Rabbits to be kicked off campus

A court ruling has cleared the way for a roundup of rabbits on the campus of the University of Victoria.

But instead of finding themselves targeted by hunters, the rabbits will be trapped and relocated.

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Professor says RCMP lacks supervision

The Mounties in Kamloops, B.C. are defending themselves against allegations from a university professor that the detachment has supervision problems and claims by a civil liberties group that local police discriminate against female prisoners.

The charges follow several high-profile incidents, including the fatal police shooting of a man and a report that officers watched on a monitor as two female prisoners had sex in a cell.

Simon Fraser University criminologist Dr. Rob Gordon told a Vancouver newspaper there may be a structural or supervision problem at the Kamloops detachment.

That brought a strong response from Insp. Yves Lacasse.

"I think his comments are completely out of line. They are unprofessional," he said. "I would love for him to come to Kamloops and meet me with me so I can show him … the structure of this detachment is not broken."

Lacasse said officers make mistakes, and if allegations of wrongdoing come to light they are investigated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Party over for Barbie

Lawyer says fugitive's girlfriend and mother were arrested in recent police operations Valdez 'one of the most-wanted criminals': Mexican president

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▶ Police present Edgar Valdez Villareal, alias 'The Barbie', to the press in Mexico City yesterday.

A Texas-born fugitive known as "The Barbie" grinned yesterday as police paraded him in handcuffs and described his alleged life of luxury and savagery — cut short when he became the third suspected drug lord to fall in Mexico in the past 10 months in a coup for President Felipe Calderon's war on cartels.

Edgar Valdez Villarreal is a former Texas high school football player who allegedly jumped into the world of Mexican drug cartels and gradually rose through the ranks.

Valdez, who got his improbable nickname for his green eyes and fair complexion, is wanted in the U.S. for allegedly smuggling tons of cocaine.

In Mexico, he is blamed for a brutal turf war that has included bodies hung from bridges, decapitations and shootouts as he and a rival fought for control of the divided Beltran Leyva cartel.

As he was displayed to reporters yesterday, he still wore the green polo shirt in which he was captured the day before. He shifted his weight and smiled often as police described a high-flying and violent life.

Security forces had been closing in on Valdez for over a year. Their biggest breakthrough was the death of his boss, Arturo Beltran Leyva, in a December shootout with marines, Federal Police Commissioner Facundo Rosas said at the news conference.

The arrest of several of Valdez's allies, U.S. intelligence tips and other sources provided evidence that Valdez had left his home of 10 years in the resort of Acapulco — where he owned at least one posh bar that was raided in 2009 — to lead a lower-profile life in wealthy neighbourhoods of Mexico City, Rosas said.

Mexican security officials began getting hits on Valdez's whereabouts six weeks ago and approached U.S. officials for help, according to U.S. law enforcement officials in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case. They said intelligence from U.S. agents helped lead to his arrest.

"He was feeling the heat of Mexican law enforcement," one official said.

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The arrest

Mexican federal police nearly nabbed Valdez during a raid in an upscale neighbourhood of the Mexican capital on Aug. 8. He got away, police said, but they found clues there that led them to a woody weekend getaway just outside the city where he was finally caught yesterday by an elite squad of federal police trained abroad.

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U.S. unlikely to lay charges

TERRORISM. The FBI probe of two men arrested in Amsterdam after suspicious items turned up in one of the men's luggage is finding they were probably not on a test run for a future terror attack, a U.S. official said yesterday, casting doubt on earlier suggestions even as Dutch authorities held the pair on suspicion of conspiring to commit a terrorist act. The U.S. does not expect to charge the men, a law enforcement official said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At 69, she's still packing

BREAK-IN. Police say Ethel Jones, 69, shot an 18-year-old man in the stomach when she found him inside her bedroom at her home in Decatur, Ala. Jones says she sleeps with her gun under a pillow next to her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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KOSOVO'S INDEPENDENCE

Britain leans on Serbia

Britain's foreign secretary urged Serbia yesterday not to challenge Kosovo's independence at the UN General Assembly, and the Balkan country's president said it is open to a compromise on the resolution.

The debate underscores the tensions that linger over Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence.

Britain, the U.S. and major European Union powers are among 69 countries that have backed Kosovo's move. But Serbia, supported by Russia and China, maintains that it will never accept an independent Kosovo.

Serbia has submitted a resolution for the early September UN meeting in New York that calls Kosovo's declaration "unacceptable" and requests more talks on its status.

Serbs consider Kosovo — now populated mostly by some two million ethnic Albanians — the medieval cradle of their statehood. But Serbia lost control of the territory during a 1998-99 war against ethnic Albanian rebels.

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Storm's name is Earl

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▶ A boat is battered by waves as hurricane Earl passed near Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Monday.

- May hit Nova Scotia this weekend
- 70% chance of gale force winds

U.S. federal officials urged Americans to prepare for possible evacuations and islanders in the Turks and Caicos hunkered down in their homes yesterday as powerful hurricane Earl howled over open seas toward the U.S. East Coast.

The Category 4 hurricane, with winds of 215 km/h, was expected to remain over the open ocean before turning north, potentially reaching the North Carolina coastal region by late Thursday or early Friday. It was projected then to curve back out to sea, swiping New England or Atlantic Canada.

Earl delivered a glancing blow to several small Caribbean islands Monday, tearing roofs off of homes and cutting electricity to people in Anguilla, Antigua, and St. Maarten.

The centre passed north of the British Virgin Islands. Despite a few lost fishing boats and uprooted trees in Tortola and Anegada, there were no reports of major damage.

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StatsCan blames the general economic downturn for the industry's decline, as private radio profits came in at 17.9 cents per dollar of revenue before interest and taxes — the worst performance since 2002.

The industry's profitability had steadily increased over the previous 10 years.

Operating revenues increased in Saskatchewan by 6.7 per cent and in Quebec by 1.1, but Statistics Canada says it declined in all other regions.

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Growth cools well below projections

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▶ New harmonized sales taxes in Ontario and B.C. impacted consumer spending, helping to slow economic growth.

◐ Bank of Canada expected 3% in 2nd quarter ◐ Rate hike still likely

Canada's economy slowed more than expected in the second quarter as consumers tightened their pocketbooks, housing weakened and exports were squeezed by the weak American economy.

A Statistics Canada report yesterday showed growth falling to two per cent in the April-to-June quarter, well below earlier projections.

Such slower growth will likely have two effects — making it more difficult to create enough new jobs to cut the current eight per cent unemployment rate and likely keeping interest rates stable until there's evidence of a stronger recovery.

Jobs concerns and the state of future economic growth will influence the Bank of Canada, which is meeting next week to set interest rates. Central bank governor Mark Carney may decide not to push rates higher again with such current sluggish growth prospects.

"With inflation, and now growth, both running below the central bank's expected path, there's reasonable doubt surrounding whether Carney will still proceed with a further rate hike in September," said Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC World Markets.

But Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist at the Bank of Montreal, predicts the Bank of Canada will raise interest rates one last time next week and then pause for a period as it waits to see how the global economy performs.

In June, the Bank of Canada hiked interest rates for the first time in over a year following first quarter GDP growth that was the fastest pace in a decade — racing ahead at 5.8 per cent.

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Slowdown

A number of effects on the economy have cut growth.

- The continued slowdown in the United States has reduced demand for raw materials and finished goods shipped from Canada.
- Rising mortgage rates have squeezed the housing market.
- The government has restrained spending to fight the deficit.
- New HST in Ontario and B.C. have impacted consumer spending.

Housing going down U.S. path?

15 Recent data show home prices in Canada remain 15 per cent higher than last year while sales continue to peter out.

Home prices that continue to inflate even as sales and construction activity fall sparked conflicting views in two reports yesterday over whether the Canadian market is in a precarious housing bubble that could burst at any time.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives says prices in six of the largest housing markets are in bubble territory for the first time in 30 years — and a U.S.-style correction is still not out of the question.

But the CD Howe Institute dismissed the possibility in its report, which concluded that Canada's cautious mortgage lending policies will protect against a housing crash.

U.S. home prices fell about 30 per cent between 2006 and 2009, while Canadian prices fell about nine per cent before a rapid bounce back last year.

But the CCPA says home prices now sit at 4.7 to 11.3 times Canadians' annual income — above historical comfort levels of between three and four times.

It would take only a one to 1.25 per cent mortgage rate increase to cause a housing crash similar to the one in the U.S., says David Macdonald, author of the report.

However, many economists at the big banks have concluded that Canada's once overheating housing market, which began to cool in the second quarter of the year, has stopped just shy of a bubble.

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The Canadian Medical Association, which has all our best interests at, um, heart, wants government to start paying people to quit smoking.

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For example, do you really think government funding will give people more willpower? Has that ever happened? What happens instead is that people get addicted to government handouts as well as whatever else they're addicted to.

"Do you really think government funding will give people more willpower? ... What happens instead is that people get addicted to government handouts."

How about all those people who quit smoking without government assistance? Shouldn't they get a retroactive rebate for all the money they've saved the system? For example, I quit smoking on Easter Sunday, 1977. It was the hardest thing I've ever done. I was a drooling lunatic for six months, but I did it. So I'm expecting a government cheque in the mail for at least $880.

And if we're going to give money to help people to quit smoking, how about all the other stupid things they do to ruin their health? Let's put everyone on a government-funded diet to prevent them from eating too much crap. Or have the government buy everyone driving lessons so they'll learn to look and signal when they change lanes or stop trying to beat the amber light.

Maybe we should pay guys to stop beating their wives. Nothing else seems to work.

Of course I'm aware how this makes me sound — the opposite of those sober, socially progressive outfits like the Edmonton Journal, which climbed all over this one like a hungry puppy. The Journal is puzzled that 5.5 million Canadians are still killing themselves one coffin nail at a time "notwithstanding the veritable mountain range of evidence pointing to a vast array of horrible consequences" (don't you wish you could write like that?)

If those pictures of braised lungs and stern warnings don't do it ("Smoking Will Kill You." Right on the Pack! Would you buy drinking arsenic?), let's try a little government funding. It's always worked before...

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Butt out or pay: Greece

Worth mentioning

Greece, which has been praised for its budget cutbacks and austerity program, is going after another vice: Smoking.

Starting today, the Socialist government will impose a tough smoking ban that outlaws lighting up in enclosed public areas and prohibits tobacco advertising.

Offenders will be fined up to $12,750 US and face swift prosecution.

With the help of Harvard University's School of Public Health, the campaign will include an advertising blitz that hands out anti-smoking board games to children.

Smoking crackdown

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And all this will be happening in a country where 42 per cent of people over 15 smoke, well above the European average of 29 per cent.

In Greece, where chain smokers are still fairly common, lighting up was once regarded by many as a symbol of the national disregard for rules. But the government thinks it's now time to break the habit.

Deep in a debt crisis, Prime Minister George Papandreou is struggling to repair a near-bankrupt economy after decades of overspending.

Like the austerity plan, the smoking ban will help teach Greeks to consider the consequences of their actions, he said.

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Metro Minute at the Science Centre

The 37th installment in the Harry Potter film series isn't coming out until November.

If the absence of Dumbledore in your life has left you sadder than Draco Malfoy after a Potions exam, the Ontario Science Centre at 770 Don Mills Rd. (at Eglinton Avenue) has you covered.

Up until Sept. 6, you can play a game of Quidditch, sit in Hagrid's giant chair, and even cook with real, live Mandrakes.

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Utter madness

One author explores the many references that AMC's Mad Men makes to the seminal era of the early 1960s Will the real Don Draper please stand up?

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Not only has suave Don Draper held hearts hostage ever since the premiere of 1960s period drama Mad Men — the era itself has been an increasingly scintillating subject matter for avid followers of the show.

One such superfan, Natasha Vargas-Cooper, decided to put her love of the show to good use. The end result was Mad Men Unbuttoned — a compendium of historical references that series creator Matt Weiner has woven through each season.

"I chose things that enhanced what I thought were the overall themes of the show," says Vargas-Cooper of the topics in the book, which range from '60s contraception to suburban decor and, of course, advertising.

"Anything that I talked about could lend some kind of insight and explore the bigger themes in the show."

▶ Don Draper is based on real-life ad man Draper Daniels, who headed up the team responsible for the legendary Marlboro Man.

The artifacts

Mad Men Unbuttoned explores the culture and relics of the '60s.

- **This Churchman's cigarette ad (centre)** reflects a unique permissiveness toward smoking while pregnant.
- **Twilight Women (right)** refers to lesbians, who were often the subject of scandalous paperbacks.

What's to come?

Vargas-Cooper on what to expect in Season 4:

▶ "What's clear at this point is that time has moved fast and even Don is having a really hard time keeping up. Don is considered a square now, compared with back when he was Rat Pack cool."

▶ Flashpoint, staring Enrico Colantoni and Hugh Dillon, picked up 15 Gemini Nominations.

Geminis set sights on Flashpoint

CTV cop drama Flashpoint once again snared the most Gemini Award attention as nominations for the best in Canadian TV were announced yesterday.

Last year, Flashpoint led with a record 19 nominations and went on to win six Geminis, including awards for best dramatic series, direction, and performance by an actor, for Enrico Colantoni. Colantoni picked up another nomination this year but for a guest spot on Cra$h & Burn, which got six nominations.

Other top-nominated shows include coverage of the Vancouver Winter Olympics with 13 nods, and nine each for the CBC miniseries Guns and The Summit, HBO Canada's Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures, and the Space drama Stargate Universe.

The most comedy nominations went to HBO's Less Than Kind with eight, including best comedy, director, writing and three nods for individual performances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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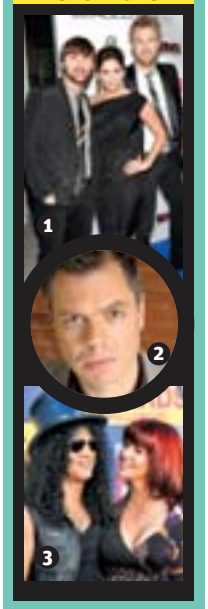

1 Lady Antebellum and Miranda Lambert are among the multiple nominees for the 44th annual Country Music Association Awards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Russell Smith's novel Girl Crazy is headed for the big screen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Court records show that Slash filed for divorce Monday from Perla his wife of nearly nine years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Summer revenue rises to record $4.35B for Hollywood, while attendance falls

Latest dancing stars named

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▶ Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino

The mother of The Brady Bunch, a former NFL quarterback, one of the self-proclaimed "guidos" from Jersey Shore and the Sarah Palin's daughter are among the celebrities who will cha-cha-cha on the 11th season of Dancing with the Stars.

Tom Bergeron and Brooke Burke, hosts of the ABC ballroom competition, announced the cast Monday.

The Brady Bunch matriarch Florence Henderson, retired Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner, Jersey Shore co-star Mike Sorrentino and Bristol Palin are among 12 celebrities who will be paired with professional dance partners and train before their prime-time premiere Sept. 20.

Also competing for the mirrorball trophy will be singer Michael Bolton, co-median-actress Margaret Cho, former Los Angeles Lakers forward Rick Fox, Dirty Dancing actress Jennifer Grey, Baywatch actor David Hasselhoff, Disney Channel star Kyle Massey, singer-actress Brandy Norwood and The Hills co-star Audrina Patridge.

The first celebrity and their professional partner will be eliminated Sept. 21.

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TV Picks

A cop drama like no other

COP DRAMA. Global kicks off its fall schedule of new shows with the new cop drama Shattered, starring Callum Keith Rennie. Rennie plays a troubled homicide detective who struggles with multiple personality disorder, which is putting himself and his partner at risk on the job.

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Medical shows lampooned

SPOOF COMEDY. TV medical dramas get cut apart in the new spoof comedy Childrens Hospital, starring actor and comedian Rob Corddry and an ensemble cast. The show started off as a web series before being spun off for TV and includes plenty of crude humour and gags.

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Shatner's back and loving it

As host of new TV show, screen legend wants to bring back awe and wonder to TV audience Despite approaching 80, has no plans to retire

▶ William Shatner hosts the new History Television show William Shatner's Weird or What, about real-life mystifying events, debuting tonight.

We all know William Shatner is weird, and clearly he does, too.

Why else would he have been tapped to host a show called William Shatner's Weird or What? quips the Star Trek icon-turned-Priceline pitchman.

"Some people think that I, as a performer, am weird or what," says the Canadian-born screen legend. "Unbelievable. What's the explanation for that?"

Shatner has no qualms about poking fun at himself and his cornball reputation, even embracing it as host of the History Television series with his own tongue-in-cheek take on real-life mystifying events.

Debuting tonight on the History Chanel, each episode of William Shatner's Weird or What? attempts to explain the seemingly inexplicable. Stories range from paranormal phenomena to puzzling natural disasters.

In the first episode, a whimsical Shatner reveals that a nine-kilogram chunk of ice crashed through the roof of a woman's house, landing on her kitchen floor.

"Oh no, this ice was not nice," Shatner intones as he dons oven mitts to pick up a frozen, bowling ball-sized lump for the camera.

Another episode profiles a woman who was shot in the chest but survived because she had breast implants. "We're recommending policemen have breast implants for protection,'' he deadpans.

The 79-year-old Montreal native is clearly enjoying himself, and just happens to be embarking on one of the busiest periods of his lengthy career.

In addition to serving as host and executive producer of Weird or What?, he's gearing up for a return to prime time as the star of the sitcom $#*! My Dad Says. Then there's his upcoming series, Aftermath with William Shatner, and his celebrity-interview series, Shatner's Raw Nerve.

"Shows like Weird or What? keep me busy But I like it that way, I'm really enjoying it," he says.

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Busier than ever

Although he's approaching 80 years of age, Shatner isn't slowing down.

- **In addition to starring in** Weird or What? and S#*! My Dad Says, he's also producing and writing a documentary The Captains for his own production company and running a horse farm.

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Actor gets lead of a lifetime

Callum Keith Rennie has played a drinking buddy to David Duchovny's Hank Moody on Californication, a foil to Kiefer Sutherland's Jack Bauer on 24, and chased Guy Pearce's Leonard Shelby in the movie Memento.

But in Shattered, premiering tonight at 10 p.m. on Global, the Canadian actor plays the lead, Det. Ben Sullivan, a homicide investigator with multiple personality disorder.

"What attracted me (to the show) was it was a procedural that would never follow a straight line," Rennie said recently. "I'd never played a leading man cop before and I thought that would be interesting. I thought the dimensions of trying to figure out how to play somebody suffering from multiple personality disorder in an authentic way would be a challenge, and it was."

A veteran of the big and small screen, Rennie is more in demand than ever coming off his slew of high-profile roles, also including parts in Battlestar Galactica, FlashForward and Gunless. He won a lot of fans playing a carousing, out-of-control record producer on Californication.

With Shattered, Rennie sought out a producer credit, which gave him a greater degree of control over how the show was developed.

▶ Callum Keith Rennie plays homicide investigator Det. Ben Sullivan on new show Shattered, premiering tonight.

One of the key decisions for him was how he would portray his character's struggle with multiple personality disorder. He spoke to experts, read books, watched videos and worked with an acting coach to find the right nuanced approach.

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Challenging role

Callum Keith Rennie wanted to portray his character respectfully.

▶ **Over the course** of the first season, Rennie's character experiences four different "alters."

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Crocodile Dundee can't pay his tax bill

▶ Paul Hogan.

Paul Hogan, star of the Crocodile Dundee movie trilogy, said yesterday he cannot afford to pay even 10 per cent of what the Australian Tax Office says he owes in back taxes.

Hogan's interview with the television program A Current Affair was his first public comment since the actor was barred earlier this month from leaving Australia until he settles a multimillion dollar tax bill.

Hogan told the news program the tax office was on a witch hunt for a high-profile case, and he should not be classed a flight risk.

"I actually came out here at the request of the Australian Crime Commission at my own time and expense to assist them with their inquires," he said in the interview. "If I was a tax evader, which I'm not, I must be the dumbest one in the world, because they gave me five years notice that they have seized every piece of paper that my tax advisers and lawyers and accountants have ever had. I kept coming back here."

Tax authorities last month claimed Hogan owed tax on 38 million Australian dollars ($34 million) in allegedly undisclosed income. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rowling gives millions for MS research

Author J.K. Rowling has given 10 million pounds (US$15.4 million) to set up a center to research multiple sclerosis, the disease that killed her mother.

The creator of boy wizard Harry Potter said yesterday that the Anne Rowling Regenerative Neurology Clinic, named after her mother, will be based at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. It will also study other degenerative neurological conditions, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Rowling said she hopes the clinic will become "a world center for excellence in the field of regenerative neurology."

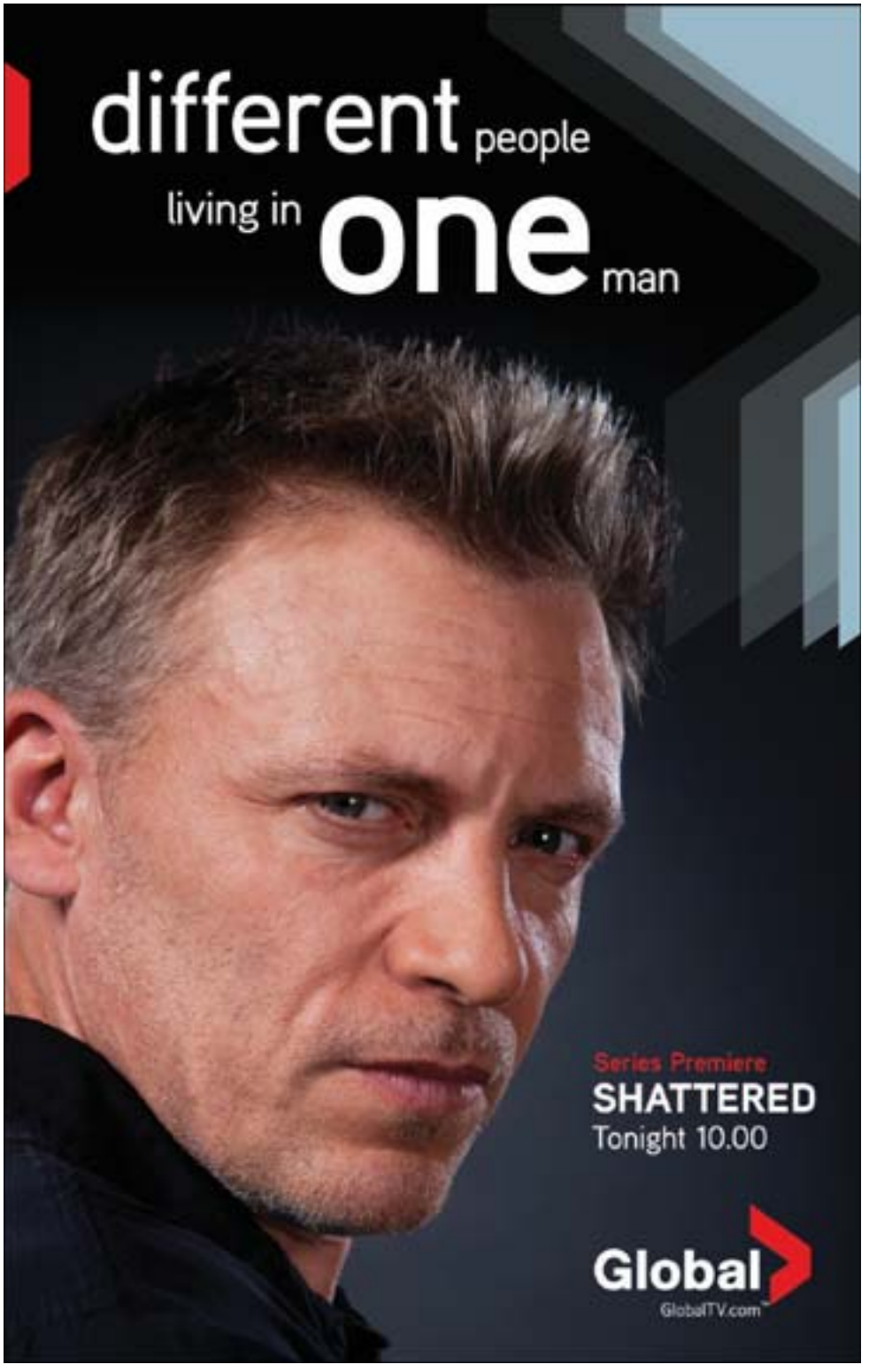
The university said Rowling's gift is the largest single donation it has received.

Rowling is a longtime resident of the Scottish capital, and began writing the Harry Potter books when she was a cash-strapped single mother in the city.

"Edinburgh has given me so very much that I have been looking for a way to give something meaningful back to the city for a long time," Rowling said in a statement.

"I cannot think of anything more important, or of more lasting value, than to help the university attract world-class minds in the field of neuroregeneration, to build on its long and illustrious history of medical research and, ultimately, to seek a cure for a very Scottish disease."

Multiple sclerosis affects about 100,000 people in Britain, and Scotland has one of the world's highest rates of the disease. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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American feels empty

The American
Genre: Thriller
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The American is the kind of cold, detached crime drama often seen in the 1960s with films like Le Samourai or The Spy Who Came In From The Cold. George Clooney stars as a weapons expert and presumed assassin whose conscience and emotions have been dulled away by a lifetime of killing for hire. He takes one last assignment in Italy, performing his task with joyless professionalism. He also encounters a few people along the way, but tends to bring as little compassion to his relationships as he does to his job.

Not much really happens, which is kind of the point. This is a film about moody visuals, oppressive atmosphere, and silently studying an unknowable character. Former music video director Anton Corbijn lenses the movie exquisitely, often creating visual interest and meaning out of the protagonist sitting idly in a room. Clooney also contributes a strong pained and restrained performance, but much like Corbijn's visual craftsmanship his work feels wasted. While there is the constant implication of deep meaning beneath the surface, The American just doesn't add up to much by the time it reaches its conclusion. The experience is simply too cerebral to work as a thriller and too shallow to work as an art film. A very pretty, but ultimately empty exercise in style.

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Start times for The American from Wed., Sept. 1 and Thurs., Sept. 2. Complete listings are also available at metronews.ca/movies.

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- **Queensway** Wed-Thu 12:35-3:20-6:40-9:50
- **Woodbine Centre** Wed-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:15
- **Beach Cinemas** Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:40-10:15
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- **401 & Morningside** Wed-Thu 1-3:50-7:20-10:25
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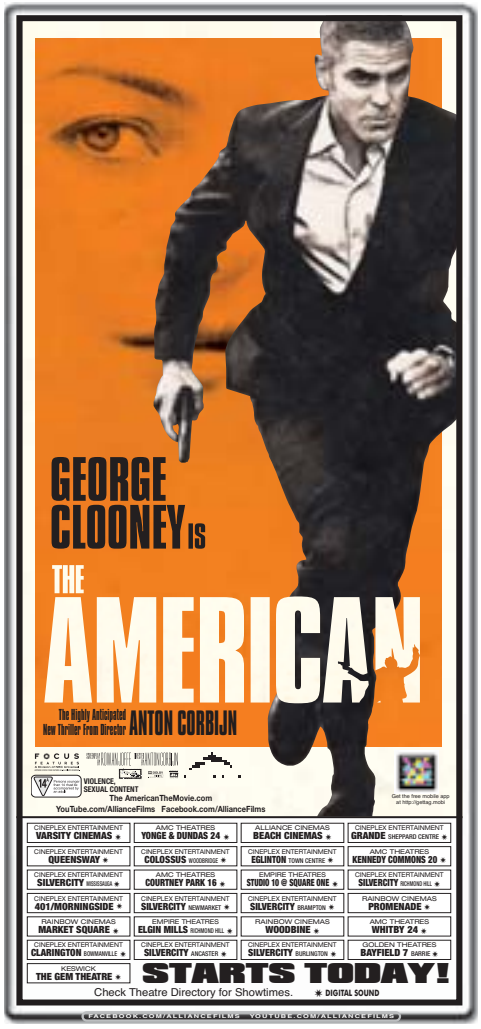
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Lindsay: drugs are not problem

Lohan tells Vanity Fair she's not an alcoholic either

Lindsay Lohan is speaking out for the first time since heading to jail and rehab, insisting to Vanity Fair that she doesn't have a problem with prescription medication.

"I've never abused prescription drugs. I have no desire to. That's not who I am," she tells the magazine.

"I've admitted to the things that I've done — to, you know, dabbling in certain things and trying things because I was young and curious."

She also insists the alcohol-monitoring anklet she was forced to wear was unnecessary. "If I were the alcoholic everyone says I am, then putting a bracelet on would have ended me up in detox, in the emergency room, because I would have had to come down from all the things that people say I'm taking," she says. "So that says something, because I was fine." METRO

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▶ Lohan was recently released from rehab.

Paris better be prepared

LAS VEGAS. Paris Hilton's arraignment for her recent arrest for cocaine possession has been set for Oct. 27, according to Radar Online.

While some sources speculate it will be tough to make a case against Hilton, others tell the Web site that Las Vegas District Attorney David Roger isn't planning on going easy on her.

"Roger won't tolerate celebrities coming to Las Vegas and thinking they can get away with illegal behaviour," the source says. "It's going to be extremely difficult for Paris to get out of these charges." METRO

Hendricks: size matters

Mad Men star Christina Hendricks is enjoying the attention her body brings her, but she's holding out for a few more perks. "People have been saying some nice, wonderful things about me. Yet not one designer in town will loan me a dress," she tells Page Six magazine. "They only lend out a size 0 or 2. So I'm still struggling for someone to give me a darn dress. This has always been my size. I've worked on other shows with this same size but Mad Men celebrates it and that is nice.

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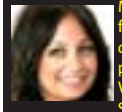
Celebrity tweets

Sylvester Stallone [@TheSlyStallone] If you not breaking things get a skirt and take up ballroom dancing ...you men get it. we break things or get broken.

Katy Perry [@katyperry] I am totally eating Jelly bellys for breakfast

Nicole Richie [@nicolerichie]



Me, 17 Gays, fried chicken, & a pineapple. Winter Kate Spring 11 Look Book shoot. Heaven!

Ellen DeGeneres [@TheEllenShow] Sometimes babies are bald and you just have to deal with it.

▶ Paris and Prince Michael

Bodyguards are a pain

Michael Jackson's two oldest children have started going to school, and they're reportedly having trouble making friends because of their intimidating security detail, according to PopEater. Prince Michael, 13, and Paris, 12, have started attending a private school north of Los Angeles. "The bodyguard situation really is a bit intimidating to other kids. And that makes them hesitant to approach Prince and Paris," a source says.

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A friend in need ...

IS TROUBLE?. Amy Winehouse is reportedly reaching out to fellow troubled rocker Pete Doherty by offering him a spare room in her London flat once it's done being refurbished, according to the Sun.

"Amy has offered Pete a place to stay while he's in London working on the Libertines comeback," a source says.

"But pals are worried because they are bad influences on each other."

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Boldly exploring the inexplicable.

William Shatner's WEIRD OR WHAT?

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NEWS FOR PEOPLE ON THE GO

STARTING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010,
WE'RE MAKING CHANGES TO SOME GO TRAIN AND BUS SERVICES

1 – LAKESHORE WEST GO BUS
Sunday and holiday Monday trips will resume between Aldershot GO Station and McMaster University.

9 – LAKESHORE EAST GO TRAIN
The weekday westbound trips that depart Oshawa GO Station at 5:09 p.m. and 5:18 p.m. will now depart at 5:11 and 5:22 and times will be later at all stops along the route.

12 – NIAGARA FALLS GO BUS
Eastbound trips to Burlington will depart earlier. Westbound trips to Niagara Falls will depart five minutes later.

19 – OAKVILLE HWY. 403 GO BUS
A new weekday westbound trip will depart Finch GO Bus Terminal at 5:05 p.m., serve Yonge & Sheppard at 5:12, and then run express to Square One arriving at 6:00 p.m. Plus, there are some time changes to reflect actual travel times.

21 – MILTON GO TRAIN & BUS
The 6:10 p.m. weekday westbound train from Union Station will now depart at 6:15. Times will be five minutes later at all stops along the route including the arrival at Milton GO Station at 7:13 p.m.

We've added some new weekday eastbound bus trips to Union and some afternoon eastbound bus trips from Milton to Union will run express from Meadowvale and Erindale.

25 – WATERLOO GO BUS
We've added four new eastbound trips from the University of Waterloo to Square One on Fridays and two new trips from Square One to Waterloo on Saturdays. At the Cambridge Smart Centre, buses will now only stop upon request for passenger drop-off.

29 – UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH GO BUS
Changes to some weekday trips and the Sunday and holiday Monday trips will resume.

31 – GEORGETOWN GO TRAIN & BUS
The 6:45 p.m. weekday westbound train from Union Station to Mount Pleasant will now depart at 6:50. Times along the route and for the connecting bus from Mount Pleasant to Georgetown will also be adjusted.

The 10:00 p.m. weekday westbound bus from the Union Station GO Bus Terminal will now only serve the Malton and Bramalea GO Stations. A new 10:10 p.m. weekday westbound bus trip from Union will run express to Steeles & Rutherford, serve Shopper's World and the Brampton GO Station.

The Friday trips from the University of Guelph to Brampton will resume.

32 – BRAMPTON TRINITY COMMON GO BUS
A new weekday westbound trip from Yonge & Sheppard will arrive at Bramalea GO Station at 4:15 p.m. then continue to Trinity Common. This trip connects at Bramalea with the 3:30 p.m. train from Union Station.

34 – BRAMPTON LOCAL, HWY. 27 & 427 GO BUS
There will be some earlier departures for trips between Brampton GO Station and York Mills. All trips will now serve the Bramalea GO Station instead of the stop at Steeles & Bramalea.

46 – HWY. 407 WEST GO BUS AND 52 – HWY. 407 EAST GO BUS
There will be some earlier departures on weekday trips and the Sunday and holiday Monday trips will resume.

61 – RICHMOND HILL GO TRAIN
The weekday northbound 6:40 p.m. train from Union Station will now depart at 6:45 and times will be five minutes later at all stops along the route.

The weekday northbound 7:45 p.m. train from Union will now depart at 7:40 and times will be five minutes earlier at all stops along the route.

65 – BARRIE BRADFORD GO BUS
A new weekday northbound trip will depart Union Station GO Bus Terminal at 8:40 p.m., serve the Aurora Carpool Lot, Aurora GO Station, the Newmarket GO Bus Terminal, and arrive at the East Gwillimbury GO Station at 9:50.

Two new weekend and holiday southbound trips will depart the Newmarket GO Bus Terminal at 1:40 p.m. and 2:40 p.m., serve the Aurora GO Station and Car Pool Lot and arrive at Union at 2:40 and 3:40.

Two new weekend and holiday northbound bus trips will depart Union at 2:40 p.m. and 3:40 p.m., serve Aurora and arrive in Newmarket at 3:40 and 4:40.

There will also be changes to many trips including some earlier departures.

66 – NEWMARKET HWY. 400 GO BUS
There will be changes to some weekday trips including earlier departures.

69 – SUTTON GO BUS
There will be changes to some trips including earlier departures.

71 – STOUFFVILLE GO BUS
A new weekday southbound trip will depart Lincolnville GO Station at 4:30 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive at the Union Station GO Bus Terminal at 5:45.

A new weekend and holiday southbound trip will depart Lincolnville at 7:40 a.m., serve all stops, and arrive at Union at 8:40.

A new weekend and holiday northbound trip will depart Union at 6:10 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive into Lincolnville at 7:20.

There will also be changes to many trips including some earlier departures.

93 – DURHAM COLLEGE – UOIT GO BUS
Service will resume between Scarborough Town Centre and campus.

94 – OSHAWA HWY. 2 GO BUS
There will be changes to some trips including earlier departures from most stops along the route.

96 – OSHAWA HWY. 401 GO BUS
There will be changes to most trips including some earlier departures. To better meet customer demand, some westbound trips will now start at the Ajax GO Station and some trips from Oshawa will no longer serve Ajax so be sure to check the new schedule for your new travel options.

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Gourmet twist on picnics

Pair transform lighthouse into outdoor summer foodie destination

Sea breezes mingle with the aroma of home-baked bread as you enter the lighthouse cottage in Ferryland, N.L., and step back in time.

The rustic wooden beams, antique lanterns, open hearth and old photos lock this unique place in another, simpler decade. The red and white clapboard building that sheltered generations of lighthouse keepers is perched on a picturesque point jutting into the North Atlantic.

About an hour's drive south of St. John's, it's now home to Lighthouse Picnics, an inspired entrepreneurial coup that draws tourists from around the world.

Lunch is served in baskets as visitors lounge on blankets spread over grassy cliffs bordered on three sides by ocean vistas.

The food is as extraordinary as the scenery.

Like so many places in Newfoundland and Labrador, there's a good story behind how Lighthouse Picnics grew out of a dream of an idea in Scotland.

Jill Curran was living there when she and co-founder Sonia O'Keefe, both Newfoundlanders, first hatched the plan during a visit. O'Keefe was just finishing cooking school in Ireland. Both women were feeling the pull back to The Rock.

So, eight years ago, Curran and O'Keefe set about trying to transform the sad site into a magnet for adventurous foodies.

The building was a crumbling wreck and had stood empty for 20 years with no running water or electricity.

Today, it's not unusual on a sunny day for more than 150 people to scatter over the spongy, rolling hill, so reservations are strongly recommended.

Meals can also be enjoyed indoors on wet, cold days. Picnics are served from late May until late September.

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Gourmet lunch

What you can expect

- **Food** Gourmet sandwiches include ham and brie, seafood, chicken curry and vegetarian creations on thick slices of molasses oatmeal bread. Orzo salad with sweet peppers and mint leaves is topped with fresh parmesan. The desserts are decadent - think chocolate ganache cake, warm gingerbread with custard sauce, vanilla cupcakes with coconut-sprinkled cream cheese frosting, and homey rhubarb upside-down cake.
- **Drink** The freshly squeezed lemonade arrives in mason jars. And if you're really lucky, the meal's entertainment features majestic humpback whales sending up giant sprays of water as they leap and splash off the coast.

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▶ Sea breezes mingle with the aroma of home-baked bread as you enter the lighthouse cottage in Ferryland, N.L., and step back in time.

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Manitoba

Need an idea on what to see during a visit to Manitoba? A new online campaign by Travel Manitoba offers video clips from around the province, ranging from whale watching at Churchill to snake handling near Narcisse. Natural attractions are among the main draws featured on UnexpectedTV.com but there is also whisky tasting at the Diageo plant in Gimli.

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▶ Bikers arrive at Holzapfel winery, in Joching, in Austria's Wachau region.

▶ With paths that wind through vineyards, fruit groves and fairy tale villages overlooking the Danube, the Alpine republic\'s world famous Wachau region is best explored by bike

A perfect mix of exercise, wine, foodie delights

- **Austria's Wachau region is best explored by bike**
- **A wealth of worthy stops make this more than a ride**

Think of it as a workout where frequent wine-sipping breaks are a must.

With paths that wind through vineyards, fruit groves and fairy-tale villages overlooking the Danube, the alpine republic's world-famous Wachau region is best explored by bike.

Hop on and off your cycle to sample the UNESCO World Heritage site's internationally acclaimed Gruener Veltliner white wine, indulge in sweet, apricot-filled dumplings and trek up to the ruins of a castle where Richard the Lionheart was held captive.

A perfect place to kick off your two-wheel tour is the village of Mautern — about 80 kilometres west of Vienna — that boasts a Roman history museum and, not so incidentally, is home to one of the country's best restaurants.

As you pedal upstream from the town of Krems — across the bridge from Mautern — you'll soon hit the romantic village of Duernstein that, with its cobblestone streets and pastel blue church spire, is a major tourist draw. It was here that King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned for ransom from December 1192 until March 1193. Centuries later, the ruins of where he was held can still be explored.

With your mouth watering, keep heading west to two well-known wineries — Jamek and Holzapfel — housed in lovely buildings complete with outdoor tables to soak up the scenery and ease sore muscles.

Both make for perfect places to grab a bite accompanied by — what else? — a glass or two of the wine of your choosing. Not sure which concoction is best? Don't be shy and ask to sample.

Too tipsy or tired to continue? Then head back down and jump onto one of the many boats that take less fit tourists up and down the river. Within an hour and 40 minutes you are back in Krems.

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If you go...

Things you need to know

- **Lodging** There are plenty of hotels, inns, rooms in private homes and even camp sites to choose from. Log onto http://bit.ly/bzT1rk to search for options that best suit you.
- **Boat Cruises** There are various boat cruise operators that offer an array of options. An overview can be found at http://bit.ly/9WjDap. Check the schedules before you go since times tend to vary depending on the day and season.
- **Melk Abbey** Plan to spend a few hours at the abbey to get a good feel for the place. Tickets for adults, including a guided tour, cost ($14). Opening hours and other details at http://bit.ly/a9dbMB.
- **Tips** Schedule your trip from the late spring through the middle of fall since the winter months tend to be very quiet and not conducive to biking due to the weather. Last but not least: Don't forget your padded cycling shorts and helmets!

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THE CENTRE OF THE ISLAND

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Santa Clara commemorates this period in many ways. The bodies of Guevara and 16 of his troops now rest in the city's Che Guevara Mausoleum, part of a memorial site that includes a large square for parades and rallies, an eternal flame, a nearly 7-m (22-ft) bronze statue of the revolutionary leader, and a museum dedicated to his life.

Not far away is the Armored Train Park-Museum. This attraction is a reminder of one of the pivotal moments in the Battle of Santa Clara, when Guevara and his troops derailed an armoured train filled with enemy combatants and supplies. The cars still stand, as does the bullet-ridden bulldozer used to tear up the track. Tourists can explore them all.

THE CENTRE OF THE CITY

Santa Clara is the centre of Cuba, and Parque Vidal is the centre of Santa Clara. This busy plaza, covering one city block, was planned and built more than 300 years ago along traditional Spanish lines. The space is surrounded by monuments and architecture in a variety of styles; within, it features cafes and bustling foot traffic. If you visit on a weekend, enjoy the tunes of Santa Clara's municipal orchestra, which plays in the Glorieta (gazebo), erected in 1911.

SURROUNDED BY BEAUTY

Once you've visited the heart of Santa Clara, consider the view from above. Capiro's Hill, a group of three small peaks overlooking the city, provides an exceptional view of Santa Clara—so much so that Che Guevera himself once used it when planning his attack on the train. Like so much of Santa Clara, Capiro's Hill is more than just a beautiful site: It is a place where important things happen. And it is a place you should see for yourself.

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Riding the Rails in Russia

▶ As soon as these trains pull out of Moscow, a cast of colorful, enterprising vendors, beggars and musicians begin to move through the cars, one right after another, shouting or singing over the pounding of the train wheels.

The centuries-old monasteries and country estates on Moscow's outskirts may speak to Russia's history and traditions, but the train trips to get to them say a lot about what Russia is like today.

The short-distance electric trains, or elektrichkas, are little changed from Soviet times. They are crowded, stuffy and dirty, with no amenities, just rows of bare benches, sometimes still made of wood.

But they have a life all their own. As soon as a train pulls out of Moscow, a cast of colourful, enterprising vendors, beggars and musicians begins to move through the cars, one right after another,

shouting or singing over the pounding of the train wheels.

Since the vendors technically operate illegally, railway officials pretend they do not exist, creating one of those Gogolesque situations that are still all too common in Russia.

The hawkers peddle an array of items, anything from fishing rods, flashlights and mini Tasers to safety pins, adhesive bandages, socks and books.

On a recent Saturday afternoon trip, a vendor sent a plastic bird flying through the car as he listed some of its special qualities. "It doesn't drink vodka, won't eat your food," he said, offering the bird to all comers for 50 rubles (about $1.65).

Another held up a Rubik's Cube that he said had a "unique technology" allowing it to spin on its own.

Two teenage Gypsy girls followed, singing about the hardships of poverty.

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live in bedroom communities around Moscow, but on summer weekends most of the passengers are headed to their dachas in the countryside. They sit on hard benches, their bags and baskets piled around them.

Young men often congregate on the platforms between cars to drink beer. If they need to urinate, they aim for spaces where two cars join, since there are no toilets on these trains.

Once in a while, fights break out.

Among these passengers are the occasional foreign tourists, most likely on their way to the monastery in Sergiev Posad, about 75 kilometres from Moscow. The star-studded blue onion domes of one of its cathedrals have helped make the monastery one of Russia's top tourist destinations.

The Abramtsevo Estate, which in the late 19th century became an artist colony for some of Russia's most gifted artists, is nearby.

Some Russian passengers on the trains are so used to the vendors they barely look up. Others find them annoying.

"They sell all kinds of junk," said Vera Kuzisuyeva, a 60-year-old nurse. "They bother me, they get on my nerves." But she said she sometimes buys little things from them.

Given the shaky legal ground of their profession, most vendors did not want to be photographed. Three vendors surrounded an Associated Press photographer and threatened him.

"You won't make a career on this," a massive bald man with a thick scar across his forehead told the photographer as he loomed over him.

A group of vendors waiting for a train to depart at the Yaroslavsky train station in Moscow warned an AP reporter not to ask too many questions.

"Watch where you stick your nose," said a middle-aged woman selling pocket fans.

The Moscow railways company denied the vendors operated on its trains.

"We do not have sales on the elektrichkas, God forbid," said one press officer.

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If you go...

What you need to know:

- **Schedule** Trains to Sergiev Posad leave from Moscow's Yaroslavsky train station and run regularly from early in the morning until late at night, with several scheduled per hour in the mornings. Some trains are destined for Alexandrov, while others terminate at Sergiev Posad. The trip takes about 1 1/2 hours. A round-trip ticket from Moscow costs $8.65. Sergiev Posad is open every day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Trains terminating at Sergiev Posad stop at the Abramtsevo Estate.
- **Vendors** Russian Railways, a state-owned monopoly, has hired some vendors to sell items. The Railways deny such a plan. And the police condone the sales but bother likely in on a cut of the sales.
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A website dedicated to backpacking in Canada was named best travel blog at the Canadian Tourism Commission's GoMedia 2010 awards.

I Backpack Canada (ibackpackcanada.com) was praised for its tips and depth of Canadian travel stories.

Award judge Sree Sreenivasan, a digital media professor at New York City's Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, said the site offers "useful advice and glimpses into unusual, enticing and, occasionally, scary places."

The blog is created by Corbin Fraser, who describes himself as a part-time travel writer, web designer and musician — "a 20-something guy from the flatlands of Canada," i.e. Saskatchewan.

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Tips

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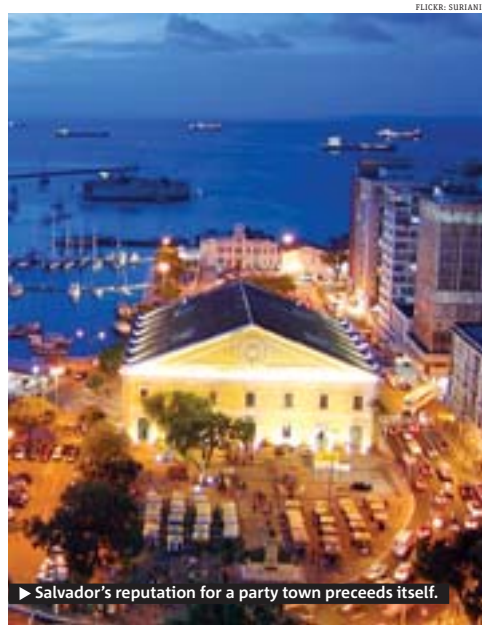

▶ Salvador's reputation for a party town preceeds itself.

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Why go now?

Because just as the world looks to Brazil in awe as a nation which really knows how to party, Brazil looks to Salvador as the city which can out-party even Rio. This rather unheralded corner of the north-eastern state of Bahia is party central 365 days a year. Salvador is the oldest city in Brazil and was its capital for more than 200 years and even 300 years ago it picked-up the nickname e de Quase Todos os Pecados (Nearly All the Sins), because of its decadent reputation.

It's my first time — What should I do?

Try the truly stunning beaches at Ondina and Porto da Barra – just two slices of the 50 km stretch of sand between the High City and the Low City, from Inema, in the railroad suburb to the Praia do Flamengo, on the other side of town. And listen to the music – especially in the Pelourinho, Salvador's magnificent but neglected old town at weekends and, oddly, on Tuesdays. Galpão Cheio de Assunto (Rua Djalma Dultra 40, Sete Portas) draws a very cool crowd.

I've been there before — What should I see this time?

Hit Salvador in February when the only thing that matters is carnival. For six days and six nights a million and a half people dance, sing, drink and flirt their way through the streets behind trios elétricos. Countless numbers of ad-hoc sound systems (most on trucks) appear from no-where and scores of bands (or blocos) play in every street.

Where's the best shopping?

Bit of a mixed bag. If you want art, crafts or local clothing, check the small stores at the Old Town or head to the Mercado Modelo (Model Market). Elsewhere the model is the U.S.-style shopping mall — and there are lots of them. Shopping Center Iguatemi, Salvador Shopping and Shopping Barra seem to be favourites with locals, though it's hard to see why. Be prepared to barter — the price on the ticket is not the price you pay.

Where should I stay?

Salvador has many hotels covering all budgets but a great mid-range option would be the Vila Galé Salvador, in Ave Rua Morro Escravo Miguel. It is right on Praia de Ondina and handy for the airport too (20 minutes by car). It has a real 5-star luxury feel too. Book online at vilagale.pt

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▶ Giorgo Milos is an Italian barista champion. He is on a tour of North America to educate cafe employees.

Master barista spreads the word on great espresso

Good coffee is Giorgio Milos' mission Favourites come from Brazil and Colombia

As you race into your local coffee hangout to line up for a latte or espresso en route to work, where the coffee originated may not be uppermost on your mind.

That's something that Giorgio Milos would like to change. Milos, one of Italy's foremost master baristas (coffee house bartenders), made a recent three-day visit to Canada.

The 36-year-old is a professor at Illycaffe Universita del Caffe in Trieste, Italy, where the world's leading restaurants and cafes send their employees for master coffee training.

"The best coffee is the coffee you like."
GIORGIO MILOS, BARISTA

Milos is an Italian barista champion who currently lives in New York and will be spending the rest of this year travelling North America.

Representing Illycaffe, manufacturer of coffee products in Trieste, he is giving classes and holding educational events for passionate coffee lovers.

Milos says the coffee business "was my destiny.

"I grew up in a family who were involved in the coffee and milk business."

Milos's favourite beverage is espresso, the dark strong coffee made by forcing steam through finely ground, Italian-roast coffee especially blended for making espresso.

"The preparation is not complicated but it is complex," says Milos. "At home espresso can be made with a traditional machine with beans."

He says that the beans must be ground to a fine grind, "which is extremely important."

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RECIPE

Only in Canada

For his visit to Canada, Giorgio Milos has created this espresso-based beverage using maple syrup.

Maple Leaf Caffee Latte

• Prepare 30 ml (1 oz) espresso and pour into serving glass.
• Pour 125 ml (4 oz) fresh cold milk in a steaming pitcher; steam the milk. Do not create froth.
• Pour warm milk over the espresso in the serving glass.
• Combine 60 ml (2 oz) heavy cream and 20 ml (2/3 oz) pure maple syrup in the mixer cup or in a small pitcher.
• Mix on low for no more than 5 seconds or whip gently by hand with whisk for 15 seconds.
• Gently pour the maple cream onto the latte, floating it on top. Garnish with a pinch of cinnamon.
• Makes 1 180 ml (6 oz) serving.

Expert tips

Here are some tips on how to make a perfect cappuccino:

- **Whole milk** is the preferred milk for cappuccino.
- **Espresso** is the first ingredient to put in the cup when preparing a cappuccino.
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Remember, this is not forever

Underemployed and feeling sorry for yourself? How to keep your ego one notch above despair Look for opportunity to showcase your talents

So you squandered an estate note on a bachelor's degree, then trudged through more entry-level hardships and thankless internships than should be legally permissible, only to backslide into some self-esteem shattering, résumé-derailing grind, several tax brackets below your dignity.

No worries: Underemployment happens to everybody, career counselors say. And when joblessness rages near 10 per cent, it happens to nearly everybody at once.

"If you're that person who keeps up the enthusiasm, even if you're the most active barista at Starbucks, somebody might notice." LINDSEY POLLACK

"It's no secret that this is a very difficult time," Generation Y Career Blogger Lindsey Pollack says. "So even if you're waiting tables or temping, don't throw off your day job. Everything is an opportunity to show what you're capable of."

For new graduates, keeping your ego at least one notch above despair is what passing out flyers and sweeping up french fries is all about, she says. If it helps, pan one eye toward the future. "Know that this is not forever," encourages career advisor Dan King.

In fact, workplace advisor Jane Boucher notes, your misery will pass every single workday, when the shift whistle screams. "Remember, it's just a job," the "How to Love the Job You Hate" author says. "You have a life outside of your job. Look at beauty. Go for walks on the beach. Find other things in life that have meaning and purpose."

Start in the gym. A workout routine, she suggests, can be a splendid domain to channel your untapped moxie. "Become active," concurs Pollack. "And be confident. If you're that person who keeps up the enthusiasm, even if you're the most active barista at Starbucks, somebody might notice."

Keep your chin up, kiddo

Sometimes, even the coldest-blooded careerist needs to divorce their ego from their employment, Boucher says. "Men and women have to understand that their worth is not determined by their work," she offers. "Do not make that correlation." That said, you need not resign yourself to a lifetime of chirping, "Welcome to Wal-Mart," either. "Never give up on your dream," she stresses. "If you keep yourself open, opportunities will come when you least expect them."

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Despite the broad spectrum of management behaviour that may be tantamount to dismissal, employees should not suddenly begin to line up outside my office doors. As an Ontario judge recently confirmed, an employer is entitled to be critical of unsatisfactory performance and to take measures, disciplinary or otherwise, to remedy that problem. As well, employment contracts may anticipate substantial changes or the employee may have mistakenly condoned the changes. Therefore, not all cases of perceived injustice will be welcomed by the courts. The key is to get specialized advice before taking any action.

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Making note of it

Students are never taught how to take notes Experts say success is based on your unique learning style

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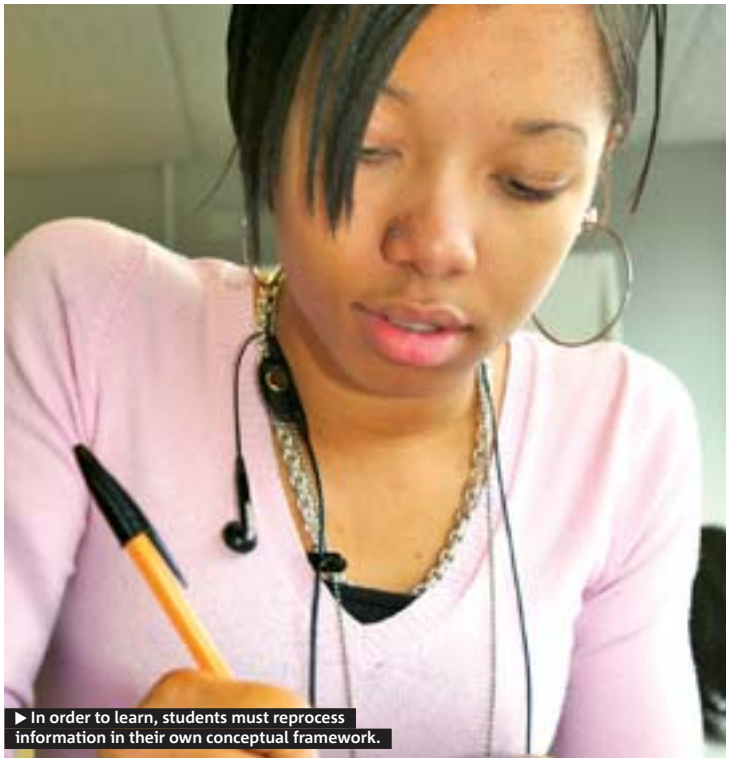
In 1999, the National Research Council published a major study: How People Learn: Brain, Mind, Experience and School. The results confirmed what most forward-looking educators already understood: In order to learn, students must reprocess information in their own conceptual framework. And that starts with note-taking — a skill most students have very little training in before college.

"Educators refer to this as, 'metacognition.' It's the crucial difference between just copying information and the higher level skill of interacting with it," says Aaron Peacock, director of assessment at Montgomery Township School District in New Jersey. The district stresses the importance of "interactive notebooks" in hopes of better preparing students for college.

"It's not as much the information that you're writing down, but the way that you're thinking about the material as you do it."
SARAH BLAZER ON NOTE-TAKING

Whether using the formalized Cornell method, or an idiosyncratic style, the key is to make sure to provide room on the page to express thoughts on the material, and to formulate questions. This forces you to process the material in your own words — perhaps the key function of learning.

"This interactive notebook concept has just exploded," says Peacock. "The idea is to work with our present understanding of how the mind works. To incorporate new knowledge, we need to connect it to our personal framework — how we see the world and interact with it."



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Get prepped

Sarah Blazer, writing coordinator at Lehman College, on warming up and cooling down:

"I stress to students to warm up for class, a lot like you warm up to exercise. Make sure you've read the material beforehand, to know what's important in the lecture. Get your mind ready to work by reviewing before class. Also, the 15 minutes after class are key. Review your notes after class, and try to formulate some questions about the material."

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Break those old networking rules by 'flexing your style'

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If you think your social skills at work events are subpar, author of Networking for People Who Hate Networking, Devora Zack, has some comforting advice: It's not your fault. For introverts who aren't always the life of the party, it's OK. You can still network on your own terms. Zack shows us how:

Arrive early
By coming early, you will not only feel less overwhelmed by the crowds, but since there will be fewer people, there will be more opportunities for you to make contact.

Basic instinct

Know your personality and use it to your advantage. If you're quiet, Zack recommends listening to them rather than try to do all the talking. "Ask questions and display interest in others. You don't always have to put yourself out there," she notes.

Set goals and stick to them
When you arrive at an event, take a minute and look around the room. Then make a goal of who you're going to speak to, connect with and get a contact from. "It's more realistic to say, 'OK, I'm going to get one main contact from this event.' Because then you allow yourself the time to make deep connections with future colleagues, which is a strong point for introverts," Zack says.

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4 sports

Canada drops to 0-3 at worlds

68	63
FRANCE	CANADA

Three weeks ago in Toronto, Canadian basketball coach Leo Rautins saw it coming.

Canada had just defeated France in two world championship warmups, 69-58 and 85-63, but Rautins warned his players not to get overconfident.

"One of the things I said then was that this team was going to be a lot better team when we played again," Rautins said.

They were yesterday, in a gritty, defensive affair in which Nicolas Batum and Mickael Gelabale each hit a pair of free throws in the final 17 seconds to help France clinch a 68-63 win over Canada at the world championship.

"If it wasn't for those two losses, we probably wouldn't have won today," said French coach Vincent Collet. "Those two games helped us understand our problems. Today our defence was more efficient and organized."

France (3-0) is on the brink of winning Group D with a victory over Lithuania (3-0) today. Canada suffered its third straight loss, crippling its chances to finish in the group's top four to advance to the single-elimination rounds.

"We knew they needed this game," Collet said.

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▶ France's Alain Koffi, drives to the basket against Canada yesterday.

Quoted

"I've got a great group of guys out here helping me — family-type guys."

MIAMI DOLPHINS DEFENSIVE END KENDALL LANGFORD, WHO LOST A DIAMOND EARRING ON THE PRACTICE FIELD YESTERDAY. A GROUP OF TEAMMATES HELPED HIM SEARCH FOR THE EARRING, WHICH A JEWELRY DISTRIBUTOR SAID COULD BE WORTH MORE THAN $50,000 US.

"He's a teammate. That's what you do. It's a fat diamond. It's a shame"

DEFENSIVE END RYAN BAKER, ON THE SEARCH FOR THE ALMOST 2.5 CARAT DIAMOND. LANGFORD FINALLY ABANDONED THE SEARCH FOR IT — TEMPORARILY, AT LEAST — BECAUSE HE WAS DUE AT A TEAM MEETING.

CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

▶ Toronto Argos Chad Lucas runs drills with offensive coordinator/QB coach, Jaime Elizondo during practice yesterday.

Lucas looking for lost touch

- Argos top receiver last season has struggled so far in this campaign
- Second half gets underway Labour Day when Argos take on Ticats

As the Toronto Argonauts returned to the practice field for the first time in nearly two weeks yesterday, wide receiver Chad Lucas was among the players most anxious to start the season's second half.

Little wonder.

Lucas, the Argos leading receiver last season, has had a horrible start to 2010.

The 30-year-old Alabama native couldn't get into the line-up the first three games. An injury to Jeffery Webb finally opened the door for Lucas in week four, but even then he's been far from a go-to guy.

With the season's mid-point coming Labour Day in Hamilton against the Tiger-Cats (4-4), Lucas has just five catches for 65 yards and no touchdowns for the Argos (5-3).

"(Lucas) needs to step up and make plays. He needs to make sure that he brings his game to the level it needs to be at for us to be successful."

ARGOS HEAD COACH JIM BARKER

That's a far cry from 2009, when despite signing in late July and missing the first four games, Lucas ended up with 69 catches for 950 yards and two touchdowns in his inaugural CFL season.

"I've got a lot to prove," Lucas said after a long, hot practice in Mississauga which resembled training camp more than the first day of a football work week. "I want to play with a chip on my shoulder, with a sense of urgency, but at the same time relish the situation I'm in, just go out, have fun and make plays."

That situation is starting. With veteran slotback Jeremaine Copeland still nursing an injured elbow and Webb being released by the club yesterday, the job falls to the six-foot-one, 201-pound Lucas again this week.

"It's a great opportunity," said Lucas, who played in NFL Europe and bounced around NFL teams, including one start with Tampa Bay, before coming to Canada.

"What I did last year at the end of the season, I think I can repeat, or even be better than that."

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Sharapova staves off upset

Maria Sharapova overcame a deficit and a big-hitting opponent to avoid a significant upset in the first round of the U.S. Open.

Sharapova, the 2006 champion at Flushing Meadows, played solidly and often safely while putting together a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory over 60th-ranked Jarmila Groth of Australia yesterday.

In men's action, Novak Djokovic fought off the stifling heat and one of his Davis Cup teammates in a harder-than-expected first-round win.

The third-seeded Serb beat countryman Viktor Troicki 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 in a three-hour 40-minute match in Arthur Ashe Stadium, where temperatures reached the upper 30s on one of the hottest days in recent memory at Flushing Meadows.

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▶ Maria Sharapova returns a shot against Jarmila Groth.

Kadri looking to get in the game

Leafs hopeful spent summer working out, added '16 or 17' pounds to get ready for NHL

Nazem Kadri, after some urging from an onlooker, used his game controller to switch from the London Knights junior team he'd been testing on the screen to the Toronto Maple Leafs.

If only the transition were that easy in real life.

Quickly, Kadri scrolled through the virtual Leafs roster.

"Nope. Not there," he said, unable to find his own name. "I'd like to play as me on here. I'd be pretty excited. Hopefully, you'll be seeing it sometime in the future."

Kadri and 16 other NHL hopefuls were getting a sneak preview of EA Sports NHL 11 yesterday, trying out the version that will be released next week. While it makes for a nice diversion — a good gamer, Kadri got to the semis before eventual champ Ryan McDonagh of the Rangers bounced him — Kadri is mostly interested in getting in the real game.

Kadri spent the summer in Toronto developing a relationship with the Leafs' strength and conditioning coach, Anthony Belza. A program of lifting four or five times a week combined with the physical maturity of a late teen, allowed him to add "16 or 17 pounds" to his five-foot-11 frame. He says he now weighs in at about 187 and hopes to play this season at 190.

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▶ Nazem Kadri at Leafs prospect camp in July.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

AL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
NEW YORK	81	50	.618	-
TAMPA BAY	81	50	.618	-
BOSTON	74	57	.565	7
TORONTO	68	63	.519	13
BALTIMORE	48	83	.366	33

AL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
MINNESOTA	75	56	.573	-
CHICAGO	71	60	.542	4
DETROIT	65	66	.496	10
KANSAS CITY	55	76	.420	20
CLEVELAND	53	78	.405	22

AL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	74	57	.565	-
OAKLAND	65	65	.500	8.5
LOS ANGELES	64	68	.485	10.5
SEATTLE	51	80	.389	23

Yesterday's AL results

Boston at Baltimore
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees
Toronto at Tampa Bay
Detroit at Minnesota
Texas at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Seattle

Today's AL games

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	76	55	.580	-
PHILADELPHIA	73	58	.557	3
FLORIDA	65	65	.500	10.5
NEW YORK	65	66	.496	11
WASHINGTON	57	75	.432	19.5

NL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	76	55	.580	-
ST. LOUIS	69	60	.535	6
MILWAUKEE	62	69	.473	14
HOUSTON	60	71	.458	16
CHICAGO	56	76	.424	20.5
PITTSBURGH	43	88	.328	33

NL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	76	54	.585	-
SAN FRANCISCO	72	60	.545	5
COLORADO	69	61	.531	7
LOS ANGELES	68	64	.515	9
ARIZONA	53	79	.402	24

Yesterday's NL results

Milwaukee at Cincinnati
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta
Washington at Florida
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs
St. Louis at Houston
San Diego at Arizona
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers
Colorado at San Francisco

Today's NL games

St. Louis at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
MONTREAL	8	6	2	0	269	193	12
TORONTO	8	5	3	0	191	215	10
HAMILTON	8	4	4	0	201	215	8
WINNIPEG	8	2	6	0	224	244	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
CALGARY	8	7	1	0	271	177	14
SASK.	8	5	3	0	249	213	10
EDMONTON	8	2	6	0	162	253	4
B.C.	8	1	7	0	170	227	2

Friday's game

B.C. at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

Monday's games

Toronto at Hamilton, 2:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 6 p.m.

THIS DAY IN SPORTS

Sept. 1

1946 - Patty Berg wins the U.S. Women's Open golf title by beating Betty Jameson in the final round.
1973 - George Foreman knocks out Jose Roman at 2:00 of the first round in Tokyo to retain the heavyweight title.
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Robinho joins AC Milan

Europe's top clubs mostly skipped the chance to make their final signings until 2011, but AC Milan was involved in yesterday's biggest deals with Manchester City misfit Robinho added to a formidable forward line and Klaas-Jan Huntelaar sold to Schalke.

German club Schalke was one of the continent's busiest clubs with midfielder Jose Manuel Jurado and defender Nicolas Plestan also joining Huntelaar on deadline-day.

Several World Cup stars used their enhanced reputations to switch across the globe, with Ghana forward Asamoah Gyan leaving Rennes for Premier League side Sunderland, while Netherlands midfielder Rafael van der Vaart was closing in on a late move to Tottenham from Real Madrid.

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Chelios retires after 26 seasons

Chris Chelios, the longest-tenured defenceman in NHL history, is finally hanging up his skates.

After 26 NHL seasons and three Stanley Cups, Chelios announced his retirement yesterday at the age of 48.

"I guess I've been dreading this day for a long time," he said at a news conference in Detroit.

Chelios, who won three Norris Trophies during a career that included stops in Montreal, Chicago, Detroit and Atlanta, will become an adviser with the Red Wings. His new job will include working with Detroit's front office and coaching staffs while helping to develop and mentor young players.

In NHL history, only Hall of Famer Gordie Howe was older than Chelios when he played, skating at 52 for the Hartford Whalers during the 1979-80 season almost a decade after leaving the Red Wings.

Known for his strict workout regimen and surprising endurance given his age, he played the fourth-most regular season games in NHL history (1,651) and the most post-season games in NHL history (266).

Chelios said he has "nothing left in the tank."

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400

Chris Chelios is the only player in NHL history to appear in at least 400 games with three different teams.

Worst season ever? He's almost there

JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Charlie Morton of the Pittsburgh Pirates is relieved of his duties by pitching coach Joe Kerrigan during a game earlier this season.

Pirates' starting pitcher on pace for historically bad season

With slightly more than a month of the season remaining, Pirates right-hander Charlie Morton is threatening to have one of the worst years by any starting pitcher in major league history.

Despite spending nearly three months in Triple-A, Morton is 1-10 with a 10.03 ERA in 11 starts for the last-place Pirates. He has allowed at least five earned runs in all but three starts, although he hasn't lasted longer than six innings anytime.

According to STATS LLC, Morton's 10.03 ERA is the third highest by a major league starter going into September since the 1952 season. Only Roy Halladay of Toronto in 2000 (4-7, 10.63 ERA) and the Pirates' Steve Blass in 1973 (3-7, 10.40 ERA) had higher ERAs with at least 10 decisions at this stage in the season.

"It's been up and down, obviously," Morton said.

According to STATS, the worst ERA in history for a starting pitcher who figured in at least 10 decisions was Halladay's 10.64 in 2000. No other pitcher during the modern era that began in 1900 ended a season with a double-digit ERA and at least 10 decisions. Charlie Stecher had a 10.32 ERA while going 0-10 during his one and only major league season with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1890.

"He needs to trust his catcher a little bit more. He needs to trust himself a little more."

PIRATES MANAGER JOHN RUSSELL

Morton, acquired by Pittsburgh from Atlanta in the Nate McLouth trade in June 2009, can throw his fastball in the low-to-mid 90s, but often switches to his off-speed pitches when he gets into trouble. The Pirates want him to be more aggressive, and rely more on a fastball that he now throws only about 50 per cent of the time.

Morton, however, had location problems during several starts early this season when he attempted to stay with his fastball.

He was much more consistent for Triple-A Indianapolis, going 4-4 with a 3.83 ERA in 14 starts.

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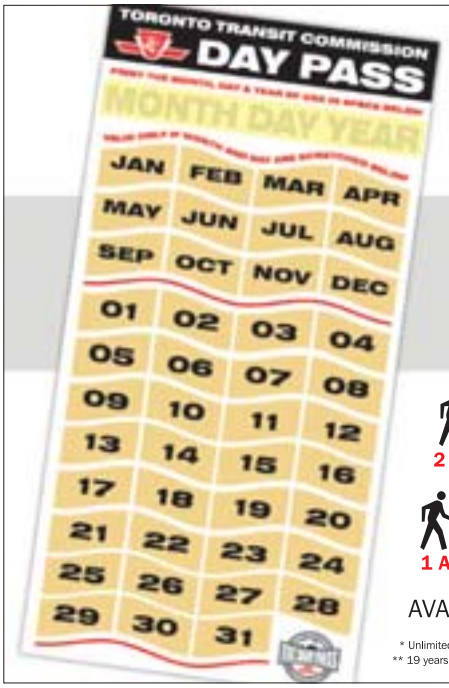

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▶ Volkswagen's 2011 Jetta sedan is not only bigger and faster but also more fuel-efficient than the previous model. It's starting price will be $6,000 less, as VW re-positions the popular sedan as its entry-level model below the Golf.

A bigger Jetta and a better price

Volkswagen had always got the suspension and steering of their cars right
The 2011 Jetta has a bargain basement price but it doesn't drive like one

JIM ROBINSON
CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

Volkswagen Canada will reposition the Jetta below the Golf and significantly lower its price in order to make its move to the top of the compact sedan segment.

The starting cost of the base 2011 Jetta will be $15,875 when it arrives in Canadian VW showrooms at the end of September.

Noticeably larger than the current model, there will be a choice of three engines and a raft of trim levels (see "At a glance" sidebar).

While the Golf and Jetta retain coil springs over MacPherson struts and stabilizer bars at the front, the Jetta loses the independent rear suspension for a torsion bar at the rear. This is lot cheaper and one of the areas which allowed VW to lower the overall cost of the Jetta.

All 2011 Jettas, including the base model, come standard with electronic stability control with traction control, brake assist and antilock brakes. The 2.0-litre and 2.5-litre make do with drum brakes while the high trim gasoline versions and both diesel models are equipped with rear discs.

I mentioned there are several ways to order a Jetta so the best bet is to go to Volkswagen.ca for detailed pricing.

VW is going up against some pretty big players in the compact arena like Honda Civic, Mazda3, Toyota Corolla and Hyundai Elantra just to name few. But the Jetta has name recognition and it is now the lowest priced German sedan on the Canadian market.

At a glance

- Compact four-door sedan.
- Front-engine, front-wheel-drive.
- 2.0-litre, inline four-cylinder (115 hp, 125 lb/ft); 2.5-litre, inline five-cylinder (170 hp, 177 lb/ft); 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder direct injection turbo diesel (140 hp, 236 lb/ft).
- 2.0-litre, manual, 9.1/6.0L/100 km city/highway, automatic, 9.6/6.9L/100 km; 2.5-litre, manual, 9.9/6.2L/100 km city/highway, automatic, 9.1/6.5L/100 km; 2.0-litre diesel, manual or automatic, 6.7/4.6L/100 km city/highway.
- 2.0-litre, $15,875-$19,075; 2.5-litre, $21,175-$23,980; 2.0-litre diesel, $23,875-$26,655.

Back to school checklist: Car fire prevention

As students prepare to head back to school, they may have remembered supplies, books and tuition, but what about a check-up of their vehicle?

According to a new study, mechanical or electrical failure (leaks, breaks, worn-out parts) caused 49 per cent of U.S. highway vehicle fires between 2003 and 2007.

This report also identifies teens and young adults as most likely to experience a vehicle fire death or injury.

Young adult drivers may want to add these basic auto maintenance tips to their back-to-school checklist.

• An ounce of prevention:
Have the vehicle inspected by a trusted professional automotive technician, especially before a long trip.

• Start a habit:
Each time you fill up your gas tank, inspect the auto's fluid levels (oil, transmission fluid, coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid) and look for leaks and deteriorated lines/hoses.

• Look down:
Look at the ground where the car was parked to check for leaks see if any fluids are leaking.

• Keep it clean:
Have the engine degreased to cut down on the buildup of oil and grease.

• Look, listen, and smell:
Is the car trying to speak to you? Pay attention to noises, odors, and your car's instrument panel. If you notice anything unusual, get it checked out by a technician immediately.

• Ease up:
During hot weather your vehicle can run hotter than usual. Avoid heavy stop-and-go traffic and aggressive driving habits.

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▶ Watch out for car fires.

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Welcome

Abu Dhabi opens Ferrari theme park

Not content with having created one of the most fabulous circuits on the F1 schedule, Abu Dhabi has just launched the first ever Ferrari-themed park, Ferrari World. The 20 rides on offer include the world's fastest roller-coaster, Formula Rossa, and a recreation of a GP paddock.

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Technology: Aluminum in electric cars

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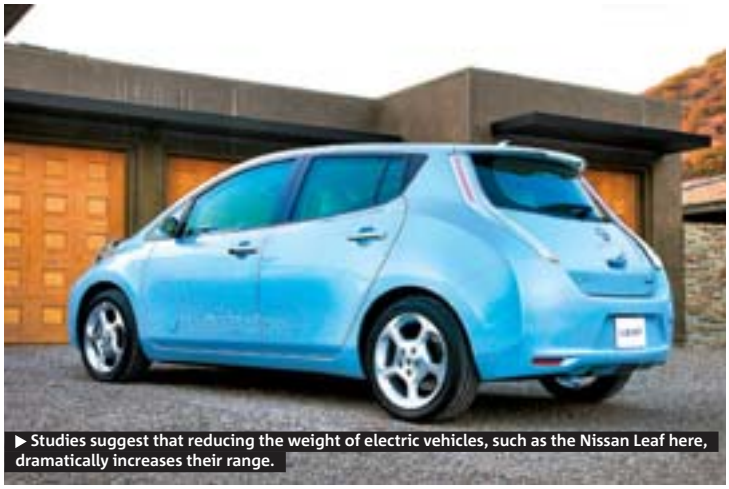
Electric vehicles may well be the way of the future, but they have several challenges to overcome, including how far they can travel on a charge, and how much their batteries cost. Both of those are directly tied in to weight, making lightweight materials integral to electric vehicle development.

That includes aluminum. A new study by the Aluminum Association's Aluminum Transportation Group (ATG) found that the percentage of weight reduction is approximately equal to the range gained: Reduce the vehicle's weight by 20 per cent, and its range can be 20 per cent longer.

With less mass to move around, a battery can also be smaller. "A 10-per-cent reduction in mass equals a four- to six-per-cent battery size reduction," says Doug Richman, of ATG and vice-president of engineering of technology for Kaiser Aluminum. "What we found was that by doing a full aluminum structure, the cost was estimated at a $630 premium over a steel structure, but it saved a minimum of $900 in battery cost. For every dollar you spend, you're saving at least one to two."



▶ Studies suggest that reducing the weight of electric vehicles, such as the Nissan Leaf here, dramatically increases their range.

Smaller batteries not only cost less, but they're easier to recycle once they reach their end of life.

How automakers will dedicate the reduction in each vehicle depends on the customer, Richman says. "The industry can take the weight savings as range or a cost improvement. The real stress right now for a full electric vehicle is range, and I'm sure some will pick range and stick with it. But some will stick with cost; customers will know the range is low but they want the lower cost. Either way, it's a huge benefit. They can get the range without an increase in battery size, but if they need a lower-cost vehicle, there's a strategy to get there."

Lighter weight doesn't just improve electric vehicles: A 10-per-cent reduction in mass also provides a three- to five-per-cent improvement in gasoline or diesel vehicles. However, in a conventional engine, as much as 65 per cent of the energy is lost to inefficiency, primarily in friction and heat, while an electric motor only loses about 35 percent. "Weight reduction is more valuable in electric vehicles because there's less loss in the propulsion system," Richman says. "More of the energy that goes into the battery goes into driving the vehicle, and gets to the wheels."

Averages

- The average vehicle today is about nine percent aluminum
- Over 95 percent of the aluminum in a car is recovered, and can be recycled almost indefinitely
- Auto companies concentrated first on getting hybrid and electric powertrains perfected; they're now working on weight reduction in the body
- Most of the energy in a gasoline engine is lost to friction and heat, and never gets to the wheels

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CAR CAMPING NOT ARDUOUS, SO THEY SAY

A few years ago I had a conversation with a colleague, about camping. I was deep and happily into some aspect of how I masterfully mastered the elements, when he suddenly interjected…

"Oh, you're talking about car camping."

By the way he said it, putting the emphasis on "car," he was obviously trying to suggest that car camping was something less than the genuine article, like processed cheese, kosher-style pickles, or butter-like topping.

I never asked, but presumed he was into a type of camping that entailed spearing fish, portaging across provinces, constructing a shelter from moose dung, and, most importantly, much hardship.

Having just returned from another family car camping trip, I still wonder if this fellow ever truly understood the unique challenges facing the modern, car-camper enthusiast. Such as…

• When you pack for car camping, you must take as much as your vehicle will bear, and not a can of peaches less. This means you pack the big bags and boxes first, and if there are still big bags and boxes left, you take the stuff out of them, and "fill in" as best you can, treating the rear cargo area like it was one big suitcase.

• This makes it hard to find the flashlight 12 hours later when you're setting up camp at midnight.

• And when you finally get the hatch to close, with one of those body checks, you tend to stare at the hatch for few seconds, to see if will pop back open or if you've distorted some bodywork.

• After camping for several days, you will also be required to stare at the water in the bottom of the food cooler. Some of this "cooler juice" will surely have come from melting ice, but what else is in there? You will have to assess cooler safety on the fly, and without the aid of any laboratory equipment.

• Campgrounds frequented by car camping types almost always have washroom and shower facilities. But if there are females in your party you will have to be prepared to endure many thorough discussions about the cleanliness of said facilities.

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▶ Intel's smart Connected Car uses a black box and other IT innovations to advance safety. It could also prove who is in fact at fault in traffic collisions — in other words, whether it was you or that aggressive driver who cut you off).

Keeping track of your car

The black box for cars will track motorists' behaviour
Data will be sent to police and insurance companies

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Running off after smashing into another car in the supermarket parking lot could soon be a thing of the past.

Scientists are developing aircraft-style black boxes for cars that will record everything about your driving behaviour. The devices will record your steering, braking and speed to when you honk your horn, with videos from inside and out.

The data will be invaluable to police and insurance companies with regards to speeding offences and accidents, vital whether you're proved guilty or innocent.

Eventually cars will feature computer systems that can store all that information but communicate even more. Computer chip giant Intel has taken the "black box" idea a step further in its recently revealed Connected Car, a prototype that uses IT innovations to make driving safer, more efficient and more fun.

An internal computing platform, similar to one that you'd find in a laptop, coupled with 4G wireless connectivity, allows the car to relay information and video via the internet, so you'll be informed if someone tries to break in or crashes into it. It also means that you can connect with your car remotely over the internet, so you can check your fuel or even start the car.

Eventually computers in cars will make driving safer. By monitoring your location, speed and distance from other cars they will be able to warn you when you're driving dangerously, or even take control if there's a car in your blind spot or if you're swerving out of your lane (some cars on the market already use similar collisions avoidance systems).

Other upsides

- Cameras in the car could also identify street signs and sensors to help you swerve round potholes — as well as report their location to local authorities.
- Data collecting black boxes are deemed so important for the future of driving that they are the focus of one of seven new objectives of the European Commission's latest road safety action program. More than one hundred people die every day on European roads and by taking measures that monitor how and where motorists drive, the aim is to half road deaths by 2020.

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2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland shown.‡

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ESCAPE ON THE ROAD

My Drive

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Why the Escape?
I found it almost a year-and-a-half ago. I'd previously driven a Ford Escape, but this one only had 15,000 kilometers on it. It was owned by a very old couple and I bought out their lease. It's served me very well.

What's your favourite feature?
Its utility. I'm a fairly practical person. It drives like a car so you don't feel like you're in a tank. Yet there is still lots of room to transport all my instruments.

What type of driver are you?
I've always been a big driver. I've done a lot of touring with my band, a ton of road trips through California, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona. I kind of wear both hats (aggressive and laidback) when I'm driving.

Do you have a dream car?
When I was a kid, my dad was in the car business and used to collect old cars, so I developed an appreciation for vintage cars. So, I'd probably pick something from the '50s or '60s — a Mustang or Corvette. Actually, my fondest memories and one I hold close to my heart is of my very first car, a 1981 Mustang. I just loved it. It had a red vinyl interior and all four of my siblings drove it before I did.

Meet the driver

WHO HE IS: Eric Stein is a Toronto-based musician who founded the world fusion music group Beyond the Pale and is the artistic director of the Ashkenas Festival of Jewish music and culture running at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre through Monday, Sept. 6.

WHAT HE DRIVES A 2006 silver Ford Escape

▶ The Ford F-150 is an icon among pickup trucks.

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Going for a pickup? The F-150 is a good bet

Ford's trusty pickup even good used Opt for as new as your budget allows — even last-generation — and you'll join a community of happy owners

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With the goal of being the most advanced Ford pickup ever, the last-generation F-150 started life as a 2004 model with a new frame, a new body, and a long list of new technologies and features. Awards quickly piled in, the model lineup expanded, and once again, the F-150 appealed to masses of truck shoppers and went on to sell like hotcakes.

Look for various two and four-door body styles, numerous trim levels, six-or eight-cylinder power, and two or four-wheel drive. A manual transmission was available with the smaller V6 engine, though all other models got an automatic as standard equipment.

Higher-end powerplant choices included a 4.6 litre V8 with up to 248 horsepower, as well as a 5.4 litre V8 with 300. Features included a sunroof, heated leather seats, automatic climate control, premium audio and a rear-seat DVD player all the standard power accessories.

The specs

- **MODEL** 2004 to 2008 Ford F-150
- **VEHICLE TYPE** Pickup
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $12,000 to $28,000

What Owners Like

Many of F-150's loyal owners say they feel "spoiled" every time they drive their truck — thanks in part to a solid and comfortable ride, spacious cabin and overall refinement levels. A feel of safety and sturdiness, high payload capacities and poor-weather traction from 4x4 models are also highly rated.

What Owners Hate

As it tends to go with pickup trucks, happy owners tend to gripe almost exclusively about gas mileage.

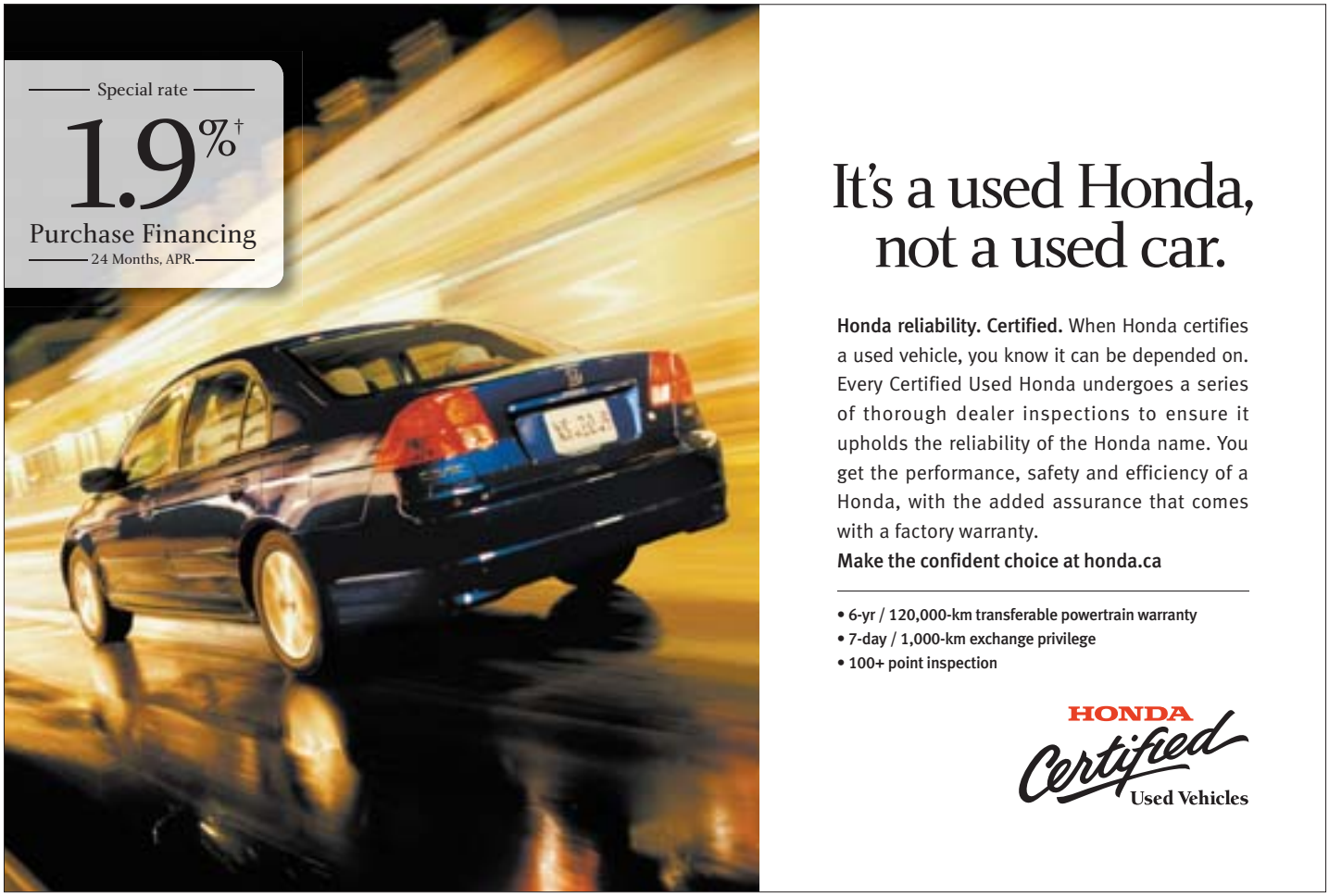
Common issues

Earlier F-150 models suffered from failing or broken power window regulators. This could prevent proper power window operation or even see the glass fall down into the door, requiring an expensive repair. On a test-drive of a 2004 or 2005 model, ensure all power windows work as expected.

Also, be sure to note the feel of the brake pedal — listening for squealing from the truck's front end while stopping. A spongy pedal or a high-pitched metallic screech at low speeds usually indicates that a brake-job is due.

Rear differentials could also be a potential issue. Owners have reported that a bad rear diff tends to make a metallic grinding sound at highway speeds before failing outright. This is an expensive part to rebuild or replace, so be on the lookout for any unusual sounds or chattering, "binding" sensations from the rear end of the truck.

Finally, if you're unsure of the history of the model you're considering, budget for a full tune-up and fluid change, just to be safe.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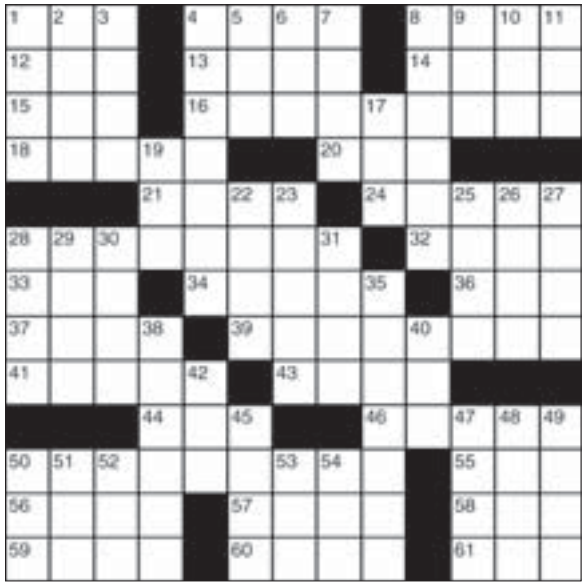

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4 Punch
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13 Spicy cuisine
14 Timid
15 Gorilla
16 Put some of the blame on
18 Eye shade?
20 Indivisible
21 Undo a dele
24 Unpaid bills
28 Begs
32 — gin fizz
33 Frequent soccer score
34 Peter and the Wolfe?
36 — budget
37 Tom-tom, e.g.
39 Understood
41 Refuge
43 Tool storage building
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46 Commandeer
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59 Vacillate
60 "My bad"
61 Type squares

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5 Resistance unit
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7 Narc's measure
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51 Kitten's comment
52 Sch. org.
53 "Xanadu" band, for short
54 Siesta

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

1		5	2		9	7		3
		9				5		
8	4						1	6
			5		8			
	8						3	
			7		3			
2	5						9	4
		6				8		
9		8	6		7	3		5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	6	7	4	9	1	3	5	8
1	5	8	2	6	3	9	4	7
3	4	9	7	8	5	1	2	6
7	1	4	8	5	6	2	3	9
9	3	6	1	2	4	7	8	5
8	2	5	3	7	9	4	6	1
6	8	1	9	3	2	5	7	4
5	9	2	6	4	7	8	1	3
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Let the romantic side of your nature shine through today. You need the warmth of human companionship – and you'll get as much as you can handle.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It may annoy you that you cannot solve a problem on your own but even a Taurus needs help once in a while and you clearly need it now. Ask for assistance today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You have been working so hard of late that you have been neglecting the fun side of life, and that just won't do. Cosmic activity in the sympathetic sign of Libra will bring a great deal of pleasure today.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your most important objectives will only be reached if you are prepared to meet others halfway. That applies to every area of your life but especially to family affairs.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will make an important decision based purely on emotion today, but that's okay because it will be the right decision. In fact, the more you act on impulse the more you will enjoy the next 24 hours.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Allow yourself to calm down and recover from all the recent chaos and confusion. What happened was not that serious anyway, so there is really no reason to get uptight about it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Take your pleasures where you find them. Forget about what others say you should be doing and indulge your feelings and fantasies.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Usually you can be trusted to think rationally and not get carried away by your feelings, but that is less likely today. But what of it? You're only human after all.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Stick to what you do best and do it only with those who share your aims and ambitions. There is no law, cosmic or otherwise, that says you should do what you don't want to do just to please other people.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will find yourself up against someone who is needlessly assertive, maybe even aggressive, today, but if you smile sweetly and refuse to get rattled there is nothing they can do to hurt you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've had more than your share of ups and downs of late and there may be a few more before the week is over, but the truth is you're quite enjoying the ride.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 This is neither the right time nor the right place to get upset about your cash flow situation. Money may be tight but you don't have to deny yourself the good things in life. SALLY BROMPTON

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